

281—98.18 (257) At-risk formula supplementary weighting. At-risk formula supplementary weighting provides funding in addition to the student count that generates general purpose revenues for the purpose of providing additional instruction and services to an identified group of at-risk and alternative school secondary students pursuant to Iowa Code section 257.11(4) “a.”

98.18(1) *Appropriate uses of categorical funding.* Appropriate uses of at-risk formula supplementary weighting include costs to develop or maintain at-risk pupils’ programs, which may include alternative school programs, and include, but are not limited to:

a. Salary and benefits for the teacher(s) and guidance counselor(s) of students participating in the at-risk or alternative school programs when the teacher (or counselor) is dedicated to working directly and exclusively with identified students beyond the services provided by the school district to students who are not identified as at risk. If the teacher (or counselor) is part-time at-risk and part-time regular classroom teacher (counselor), then the portion of time that is related to the at-risk program may be charged to the program, but the portion of time that is related to the regular classroom shall not.

b. Professional development for all teachers and staff working with at-risk students and programs involving intervention strategies.

c. Research-based resources, materials, software, supplies, equipment, and purchased services that meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) Meet the needs of K through 12 identified students at risk,
- (2) Are beyond those provided by the regular school program,
- (3) Are necessary to provide the services listed in the school district’s at-risk program plan, and
- (4) Will remain with the K through 12 at-risk program.

98.18(2) *Inappropriate uses of categorical funding.* Inappropriate uses of the at-risk formula supplementary weighting funding include, but are not limited to, indirect costs or use charges, operational or maintenance costs, capital expenditures other than equipment, student transportation other than as allowed in subrule 98.18(1), administrative costs other than as allowed in subrule 98.18(1), or any other expenditures not directly related to providing the at-risk or alternative school program beyond the scope of the regular classroom program.

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