

281—46.11(258) Career academies.

46.11(1) *Establishment and responsibilities.* A career academy may be established under an agreement between a single school district and a community college, or by multiple school districts and a community college organized into a regional career and technical education planning partnership pursuant to rule 281—46.10(258). A career academy established under this rule will be a career-oriented or occupation-oriented program of study that includes a minimum of two years of secondary education, which may fulfill the sequential unit requirement in one of the four service areas pursuant to 281—subrule 12.5(5), includes concurrent enrollment programming aligned with a postsecondary education program that meets the requirements of 281—Chapter 22, and is approved by the director. A career academy will do all of the following:

a. Utilize regional career and technical education planning partnerships outlined in rule 281—46.10(258) in an advisory capacity to inform the selection and design of the career academy and establishment of industry standards.

b. Establish a program of study that meets all of the following criteria:

(1) Is designed to meet industry standards and prepare students for success in postsecondary education and the workforce.

(2) Integrates academic coursework; includes foundational and transitory career and technical education coursework; includes either work-based learning or the potential to earn an industry-recognized credential or a community college credential as defined in 281—subrule 21.2(9); and utilizes the individual career and academic planning process established under 281—Chapter 49.

(3) Integrates as a portion of the career academy a hands-on, contextualized learning component.

(4) Allows students enrolled in the academy an opportunity to continue on to an associate degree and, if applicable, a postsecondary baccalaureate degree program.

Only institutions that comply with the provisions of this rule may use the term “career academy.”

46.11(2) *Contract or agreement.* A career academy must receive approval from district and community college boards participating in the career academy. A contract or 28E agreement is to set forth the purposes, powers, rights, objectives, and responsibilities of the contracting parties and be signed by all participating parties and be in effect prior to initiation of a career academy. An assurance form, as defined by the department, which specifies that the career academy includes all the components under this rule will be sent to the director.

46.11(3) *Faculty.* Faculty providing college credit instruction in a career academy program of study will meet community college faculty minimum standards as specified in 281—subrule 24.5(1) and the quality faculty plan as approved by the community college board pursuant to 281—subrule 24.5(7). Instructors teaching courses that provide only secondary level credit are to have appropriate secondary licensure pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 256, subchapter VII, part 3.

46.11(4) *Compliance.* Districts and community colleges will maintain compliance with the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006, 20 U.S.C. §2301 et seq., as amended, in implementing career academies.

46.11(5) *Data collection.* Data collection and enrollment reporting is to contain such items as determined by the department.

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