

**281—97.4(257) Supplementary weighting plan for a regional academy.**

**97.4(1) Eligibility.** Except if listed under subrule 97.2(6), a resident student is eligible for supplementary weighting if the student is eligible to be counted as a resident student for certified enrollment and if all of the following criteria are met:

*a.* Two or more Iowa school districts, other than a whole-grade sharing partner district, send students to advanced-level courses that are included in the curriculum of the regional academy, and these students are eligible for supplementary weighting under subrule 97.2(1), paragraph “*a*” or “*c*.”

*b.* The regional academy is located in the district.

*c.* The grade levels include one or more grades nine through twelve.

*d.* The curriculum is an organized course of study, adopted by the board, that includes a minimum of two advanced-level courses that are not part of a vocational-technical program. An advanced-level course is a course that is above the level of the course units required as minimum curriculum in 281—Chapter 12 in the host district.

*e.* The resident students are not eligible for supplementary weighting under another supplementary weighting plan.

*f.* No resident or nonresident students are attending the regional academy under a whole-grade sharing arrangement as defined in subrule 97.2(7).

**97.4(2) Weighting.** Resident students eligible for supplementary weighting pursuant to subrule 97.4(1) shall be eligible for a weighting of one-tenth of the fraction of a school year during which the pupil attends courses at the regional academy in which nonresident students are enrolled pursuant to subrule 97.4(1), paragraph “*a*.”

**97.4(3) Maximum weighting.** The maximum amount of additional weighting for which a school district establishing a regional academy shall be eligible is an amount corresponding to 15 full-time-equivalent pupils.

**97.4(4) Minimum weighting.** The minimum amount of additional weighting for which a school district establishing a regional academy shall be eligible is an amount corresponding to ten additional pupils if the academy provides both advanced-level courses and vocational-technical courses.

**97.4(5) Additional programs.** If all of the criteria in subrule 97.4(1) are met, the regional academy may also include in its curriculum vocational-technical courses or a virtual academy. If the Internet connection for a qualified virtual academy is provided through the ICN, that Internet connection shall be deemed a regional academy class and not an ICN video class pursuant to Iowa Code section 257.11, subsection 6, for purposes of this subrule.

**97.4(6) Maximum funding.** If the sum of the funding amount calculated for all districts operating regional academies under this rule exceeds \$1 million for the school year beginning July 1, 2004, and each succeeding fiscal year, the director of the department of management shall prorate the amount calculated for each district. The proration shall be based upon the amount calculated for each district when compared to the sum of the amount for all districts.

**97.4(7)** October 1, 2007, is the final date that any students may be included for supplementary weighting for an in-district regional academy.