

**281—62.5 (256,279) Intensive summer reading program.**

**62.5(1) General.** Beginning May 1, 2018, unless the school district is granted a waiver pursuant to subrule 62.5(5), if a student is persistently at risk in reading by the end of grade three and is not proficient in reading on a statewide assessment of reading administered pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.7(21), the school district shall notify the student's parent or guardian that the parent or guardian may enroll the student in an intensive summer reading program offered in accordance with this rule.

**62.5(2) Parent or guardian does not enroll child in intensive summer reading program.** If the parent or guardian does not enroll the student in the intensive summer reading program and the student is ineligible for the good-cause exemption under rule 281—62.8(256,279), the student shall be retained in grade three pursuant to rule 281—62.7(256,279).

**62.5(3) Student exempt from or completes program and is not reading proficiently.** If the student is exempt from participating in an intensive summer reading program for good cause pursuant to rule 281—62.8(256,279) or completes the intensive summer reading program but is not reading proficiently upon completion of the program as determined under subrule 62.4(2), the student may be promoted to grade four, but the school district shall continue to provide the student with intensive reading instruction pursuant to subrule 62.4(3) until the student is reading proficiently, as demonstrated by scores on locally determined or statewide assessments pursuant to subrule 62.4(2).

**62.5(4) Nature of intensive summer reading program.** The intensive summer reading program offered by a school district shall comply with the program criteria and guidelines for implementation contained in 281—Chapter 61.

**62.5(5) Waiver of intensive summer reading program.** The department may grant a school district a waiver of the requirement to offer an intensive summer reading program for the summer of 2018 only. A school district must demonstrate good cause and that the requested waiver is in keeping with the objectives of Iowa Code section 279.68 and these rules.