

**281—37.1(280) General.** It is the policy of the state of Iowa that each school desiring to be a member of a conference providing extracurricular athletic contests and competitions for students is granted this opportunity. For purposes of this chapter, “member school” means a nonpublic school or school district granted such status by any corporation, association, or organization registered with the state department of education pursuant to Iowa Code section 280.13 and includes associate members. For purposes of this chapter, “school district” includes a public charter high school.

**37.1(1) *Initial responsibility.*** The initial authority and responsibility for conference development, membership, and alignment rests with the board of directors of each public school district and the authorities in charge of each nonpublic school.

**37.1(2) *Definitions.*** For purposes of this chapter, the definitions in Iowa Code section 280.13D(1) as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 783 (House File 783), apply.

**37.1(3) *Policies.*** Each organization subject to this chapter will establish policies to implement Iowa Code section 280.13D as enacted by House File 783.

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