

281—17.9(282) Method of finance. Open enrollment options are available for pupils at no instructional cost to their parents/guardians. Open enrollment pupils are considered enrolled resident pupils in the resident district and are included in the certified enrollment count of that district for the purposes of generating school foundation aid.

17.9(1) Full-time pupils. The resident district will pay each year to the receiving district an amount equal to the sum of the state cost per pupil for the previous year; plus any moneys received pursuant to Iowa Code section 282.18(7)“b”(1). If the pupil participating in open enrollment is also an eligible pupil under Iowa Code section 261E.6 (postsecondary enrollment options program), the receiving district will pay the tuition reimbursement amount to an eligible postsecondary institution as provided in Iowa Code section 261E.7.

17.9(2) Dual enrolled pupils. For pupils who receive competent private instruction and are dual enrolled, the resident district will pay each year to the receiving district an amount equal to 0.1 times the state cost per pupil for the previous year plus any moneys received for the pupil as a result of English learner weighting provided by Iowa Code section 280.4. However, a pupil dual enrolled in grades 9 through 12 will be counted by the receiving district in the same manner as a shared-time pupil under Iowa Code section 257.6(1)“c.”

17.9(3) Home school assistance program pupils. For pupils who receive competent private instruction and are registered for a home school assistance program, the resident district will pay each year to the receiving district an amount equal to 0.3 times the state cost per pupil under Iowa Code chapter 257 for the previous year plus any moneys received for the pupil as a result of English learner weighting provided by Iowa Code section 280.4.

17.9(4) Transportation assistance. The resident district may deduct any transportation assistance funds for which the pupil is eligible as provided by subrule 17.8(2).

17.9(5) Method of payment. These moneys will be paid to the receiving district by the resident district during the period of open enrollment according to the timeline in Iowa Code section 282.20(3). The district cost per pupil for nonspecial education students will be the cost calculated each year for the school year preceding the school year for which the open enrollment takes place. Costs for special education students are outlined in rule 281—17.10(282).

17.9(6) Partial-year situations. If a pupil participating in open enrollment attends school in the receiving district for any reason for less than a full school year, payment from the district of residence at the time of open enrollment to the receiving district is prorated on a per diem basis.

17.9(7) Supplemental weighting. A student under open enrollment is eligible to be counted for supplementary weighting pursuant to 281—Chapter 97 for qualifying concurrent enrollment classes in which the student is enrolled, including concurrent enrollment classes provided via the Iowa communications network (ICN), or supplementary weighting for project lead the way (PLTW) enrollment through sharing with a community college. An open enrolled student who is under competent private instruction (CPI) will be weighted in the student’s receiving district, and no tuition will be billed to the resident district. An open enrolled student who is not under CPI will be weighted in the resident district, and the funding will be sent to the receiving district in addition to open enrollment tuition.

a. If the open enrolled student is present in the resident district on October 1 of the school year, the resident district will count the student, excluding a student under CPI, for supplementary weighting.

b. The concurrent enrollment course needs to qualify for supplementary weighting in the receiving district pursuant to 281—Chapter 97, and the PLTW course needs to qualify for supplementary weighting in the receiving district pursuant to the same chapter.

c. The resident district will forward the weighting generated for the concurrent or PLTW enrollment for that student using the district cost per pupil of the school year. The amount generated is calculated as the supplementary weighting full-time-equivalency for that one student for each qualified concurrent or PLTW enrollment course multiplied by the current school year’s district cost per pupil in the resident district.

d. The receiving district will pay the community college the tuition negotiated for the course. The tuition negotiated may cost the receiving district a different amount than that received from the resident

district. No additional amount may be charged to the resident district, the student, or the parent, guardian, or legal custodian.

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