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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION — JUNE 2025

Meeting. The Iowa State Board of Education met on Thursday, June 19, 2025, in the State Board Room at the Grimes State Office Building in Des Moines.

Public Comment. The Board received public comments from Des Moines Area Community College and Iowa Valley Community College related to the proposed change in the allocation for Perkins funding in the Perkins State Plan and the potential impact to community colleges.

Director's Report. Director McKenzie Snow provided updates on Department of Education (DE) news and activities since the last meeting, including the following:

- The State of Iowa has partnered with [National Math Stars](#) to provide opportunities to third grade students who have scored in the top 2.0% in mathematics on the 2025 Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress.
- The final application deadline for the [Iowa Early Childhood Continuum of Care grant](#) is June 25, 2025. The awarded grants of up to \$300,000 over three years will support partnerships between Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program sites and licensed child care centers to provide full-day care for four-year-olds.
- A grant opportunity to support literacy efforts across the State closed on June 10, 2025. A total of \$24.0 million is available to support Iowa school districts and charter schools in developing and implementing plans to improve student reading proficiency. The awards are part of a multi-year federal Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant awarded to the DE.
- A review of social studies standards is underway with final standards to be presented to the Board by the end of the year to meet requirements of 2024 Iowa Acts, [House File 2545](#) (Iowa Educational Standards, Review Act).

Simpson College Educator Preparation Program. The Board received a [report](#) on the educator preparation program at Simpson College. Representatives from Simpson College were present and commented on increased enrollment in the Program for the fall 2025 term. The Board unanimously awarded full approval of the Program through the 2031-2032 academic year.

Perkins State Plan Approval. A presentation was provided to the Board on the [Perkins V State Plan](#) for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029. The Plan includes initiatives to support industry-recognized credential (IRC) attainment, a work-based learning focus, a career and technical education (CTE) teacher pipeline, expansion of career education in middle school, and updating the career clusters framework. The fiscal year 2026 allocation for the local formula distribution will be 43.1% for secondary recipients and 56.9% for postsecondary recipients but will change for fiscal years 2027 through 2029 to 60.0% for secondary recipients and 40.0% for postsecondary recipients. The Board discussed the change in the allocation, the potential process to amend the Plan, and performance metrics included in the Plan. The Board approved the Plan with the stipulation that the allocation will be reviewed prior to December 2025.

Eastern Iowa Community Colleges Interim Accreditation Report. The Board received an [interim accreditation report](#) for Eastern Iowa Community Colleges (EICC). EICC's involvement with its regional planning partnership (RPP) to support area CTE was identified as a promising practice within the report. The Board voted unanimously to provide continued accreditation.

Next Meeting. The next Iowa State Board of Education meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2025.

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