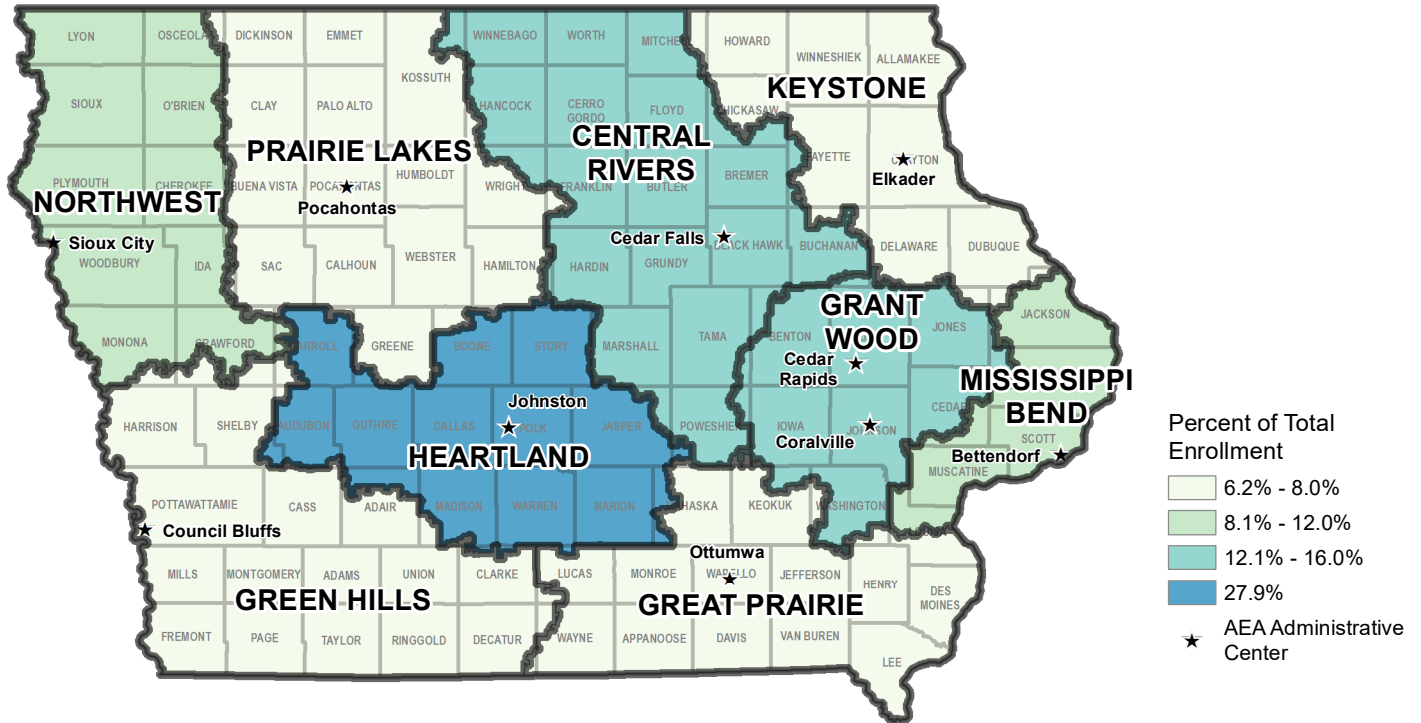


Area Education Agencies (AEA)

Iowa's nine **Area Education Agencies (AEAs)** provide equity across the State, working as educational partners with public and nonpublic schools to improve learning outcomes and child well being. AEAs provide services and regulatory responsibility in three main areas: special education, media and technology services, and educational services (the majority of which is curriculum development). AEAs are funded through the School Aid Formula and generated at the school district level using the same basic formula – cost per pupil times enrollment. Each AEA has a separate cost per pupil for each of the three service areas.

Percent of Enrollment Served – Fall 2016



School Districts and Enrollment by AEA District – 2016-2017

AEA	Number of School Districts	Percent of School Districts	K-12 Public Enrollment	Percent of Public Enrollment	AEA Enrollment Served	Percent of AEA Enrollment Served
Keystone AEA	23	6.9%	28,478	5.9%	32,629	6.3%
Prairie Lakes AEA	40	12.0%	29,992	6.3%	32,283	6.3%
Central Rivers AEA	53	15.9%	62,430	12.9%	65,705	12.7%
Mississippi Bend AEA	21	6.3%	46,995	9.8%	50,233	9.7%
Grant Wood AEA	32	9.6%	69,472	14.2%	73,946	14.1%
Heartland AEA	53	15.9%	135,916	27.7%	145,040	27.7%
Northwest AEA	35	10.5%	39,279	8.1%	44,493	8.6%
Green Hills AEA	43	12.9%	37,621	7.8%	38,690	7.5%
Great Prairie AEA	33	9.9%	34,964	7.3%	36,111	7.0%
Total	333	100.0%	485,147	100.0%	519,129	100.0%

Notes:

- 1) Enrollments are based on the October 2016 certified enrollment counts.
- 2) AEA enrollment includes nonpublic students. Totals may not sum due to rounding.
- 3) AEA reorganizations include: AEs 2, 6, and 7 merged to form AEA 267 in 2003 (renamed Central Rivers AEA in 2017); AEs 4 and 12 merged to form Northwest AEA in 2006; AEs 15 and 16 merged to form Great Prairie AEA beginning in FY 2008; AEs 13 and 14 merged to form Green Hills AEA beginning in FY 2011.