
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2020

Fiscal Services Division

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Summer Joint Enrollment

Background

Joint enrollment of high school students in community college programming receives funding through the school aid formula when it occurs during the school year. During the school year, joint enrollment refers broadly to many of the programs that allow school districts to partner with community colleges to provide programming for students, including Post-Secondary Enrollment, Concurrent Enrollment, and Career Academies.

The FY 2019 General Fund appropriation to the Department of Education for summer joint enrollment in [Senate File 2415](#) (FY 2019 Education Appropriations Act) is specified to be used to fund summer courses that qualify for the Future Ready Iowa Initiative. The funding is to be distributed by the Department of Education in the summer of 2019 so that districts and community colleges can offer joint enrollment classes during the summer months.

The Department of Education is in the process of promulgating administrative rules and will be reviewing program proposals from the community colleges prior to January 2019. With limited funding, the Department's proposed administrative rules seek geographic dispersion of class offerings around the state and set criteria for program consideration, including:

- The number of students served.
- Cost per credit hour.
- Alignment to high-demand occupations.
- The inclusion of extracurricular experiences with an emphasis on problem-, project-, and work-based learning opportunities.
- The inclusion of provisions that address and remove barriers to participation for nontraditional, underrepresented minority, and low-income students.
- Program proposals must include a minimum enrollment threshold.

The Department anticipates that students will begin registering for summer joint enrollment classes in March 2019, at the same time they enroll in concurrent enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year.

The proposed administrative rules specify that credit hours taken through summer joint enrollment do not count toward the cap on the number of credit hours a student can take in an academic year.

Funding

The Department of Education received a \$600,000 General Fund appropriation for FY 2019 to fund summer joint enrollment.

More Information

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Under the proposed administrative rules, the funds will be distributed directly to community colleges offering approved programs. Not more than half of the available funds will be used to fund all of the approved programs. The remaining funding will be allocated based on enrollment to programs with enrollment that exceeds the minimum enrollment threshold. In each of the subsequent three years, the portion of funding allocated based on enrollment will increase, until that portion equals 80.0% of the total.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Acts chapter [1163](#)

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