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The Department of Education and the State Board of Education provide oversight, supervision, and support for the state education system, which includes all public preschool, elementary and secondary schools, nonpublic schools that receive state accreditation, area education agencies, community colleges, and teacher preparation programs. They also oversee the educational services of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, which assists students with disabilities in each high school, community college, four-year college and regents institution in the state in their transition from educational settings to employment. The department works in collaboration with the state system of public libraries and assists with the educational services provided by Iowa Public Television.

Although the department’s scope of responsibility spans from prekindergarten through community colleges, one of its most important leadership roles is to set priorities for the state’s educational system. Current priorities improving access to and quality of preschool programs, providing professional development and technical assistance for the improvement of teaching, implementation of new state and federal laws, improving the rigor and relevance of high school courses in an environment with caring relationships, and improving the transitions between levels of education to gain a more seamless, high-quality education system.

The department director is appointed by the Governor to serve a four-year term, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The director’s role is to provide leadership for the department as it carries out the policies and programs prescribed by state law and the State Board of Education and to ensure department personnel are providing the necessary oversight and support for all schools, educators, and students to meet their academic goals. The director also serves as the executive officer of the board, a nonvoting role.

The board consists of 10 members — nine voting members who are appointed by the Governor for six-year terms and subject to Senate confirmation and one nonvoting student member who serves a one-year term, also appointed by the Governor. Duties of the board include adopting and establishing policies assuring quality education for students in preschool, elementary and secondary schools and community colleges; prescribing and approving teacher preparation programs to assure all teachers are highly qualified; and hearing appeals of local school board decisions and affirming, modifying, or vacating those decisions.