

Iowa Department of Education

***Vision:** Building an excellent education system that empowers all students to achieve their full potential.*

***Mission:** Ensuring all students experience a world-class education.*

Presentation before the House Education Appropriations Subcommittee

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Requested Agenda

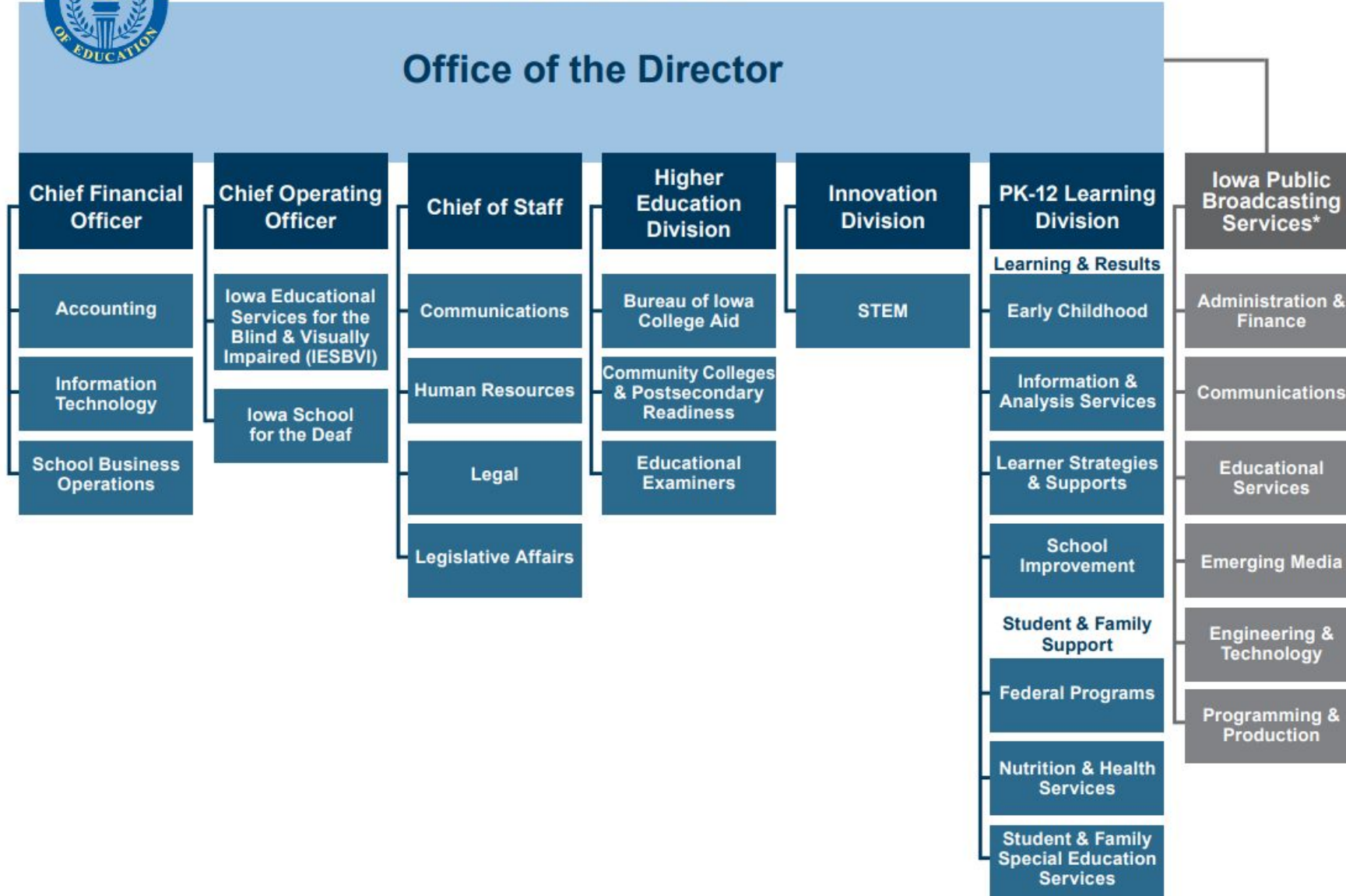
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Organizational Chart



Iowa Department of Education
Table of Organization



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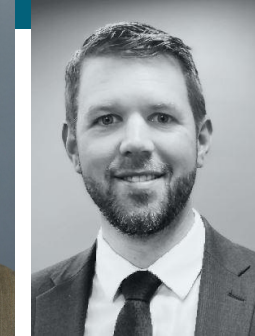
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Governor's Budget and Recommendations (1 of 5)

	Actual FY 2023	Estimated FY 2024	Gov Rec FY 2025	Gov Rec vs Est FY 2024
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Education, Dept. of				
Dept of Education Administration	\$ 5,975,526	\$ 5,893,672	\$ 6,581,620	\$ 687,948
Career Technical Education Administration	598,197	598,197	598,197	0
Career Technical Education Secondary	2,952,459	2,952,459	3,076,041	123,582
School Food Service	2,176,797	2,176,797	2,176,797	0
Special Ed. Services Birth to 3	1,721,400	1,721,400	1,721,400	0
Early Head Start Projects	574,500	574,500	574,500	0
Student Achievement/Teacher Quality	2,965,467	2,990,467	2,990,467	0
Statewide Student Assessment	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	0
Work-Based Learning Clearinghouse	300,000	300,000	300,000	0
Summer Joint Enrollment Program	600,000	600,000	600,000	0
Jobs for America's Grads	8,146,450	9,146,450	9,646,450	500,000
Attendance Center/Website & Data System	250,000	250,000	250,000	0
Early Lit - Successful Progression	7,824,782	7,824,782	7,824,782	0
Early Lit - Early Warning System	1,915,000	1,915,000	1,915,000	0
Early Lit - Iowa Reading Research Center	600,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	0
Computer Science Prof. Devel. Incentive Fund	500,000	500,000	500,000	0
Children's Mental Health Training	3,383,936	3,383,936	3,383,936	0
Best Buddies Iowa	35,000	35,000	35,000	0

Governor's Budget and Recommendations (2 of 5)

	Actual FY 2023	Estimated FY 2024	Gov Rec FY 2025	Gov Rec vs Est FY 2024
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Midwestern Higher Education Compact	115,000	115,000	115,000	0
Nonpublic School Concurrent Enrollment	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Community Colleges General Aid	221,658,161	228,858,161	234,579,615	5,721,454
Therapeutic Classroom Incentive Fund	2,351,382	2,351,382	2,351,382	0
Therapeutic Classroom Trans. Claims Reimb.	500,000	500,000	500,000	0
Child Development - Standing	10,524,389	10,524,389	10,524,389	0
ECI General Aid (SRG)	23,406,799	0	0	0
Nonpublic Textbook Services	852,000	0	0	0
Online State Job Posting System	230,000	0	0	0
Adult Education and Literacy Programs	500,000	0	0	0
Vocational Technical Tuition Grant - Standing	0	1,750,185	1,750,185	0
Tuition Grant Program - Standing	0	51,421,531	52,707,069	1,285,538
Tuition Grant - For-Profit	0	108,000	110,700	2,700
Future Ready Iowa Skilled Workforce Grant Program	0	275,000	275,000	0
Iowa Workforce Grant and Incentive Program	0	6,500,000	6,500,000	0
LEAD-K Program	0	200,000	200,000	0
Special Education Division	0	0	20,134,573	20,134,573
Professional Development	0	0	2,129,265	2,129,265

Governor's Budget and Recommendations (3 of 5)

	Actual FY 2023	Estimated FY 2024	Gov Rec FY 2025	Gov Rec vs Est FY 2024
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
College Aid Commission	0	591,533	591,533	0
National Guard Benefits Program	0	6,600,000	6,600,000	0
All Iowa Opportunity Scholarships	0	3,229,468	3,229,468	0
Health Care Professional Recruitment	0	500,973	500,973	0
Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship Program	0	23,927,005	23,927,005	0
Mental Health Practitioner Loan Repayment Program	0	520,000	520,000	0
Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program	0	2,504,933	2,504,933	0
Teach Iowa Scholars	0	650,000	650,000	0
Health Care-Related Loan Program	0	500,000	500,000	0
Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program	0	700,000	700,000	0
STEM Collaborative Initiative	0	6,354,848	6,354,848	0
ISD - Iowa School for the Deaf	0	11,421,710	11,707,253	285,543
Ed. Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired	0	4,794,040	4,913,891	119,851
Education, Dept. of	\$ 304,657,245	\$ 411,260,818	\$ 442,251,272	\$ 30,990,454

Governor's Budget and Recommendations (4 of 5)

	Actual FY 2023	Estimated FY 2024	Gov Rec FY 2025	Gov Rec vs Est FY 2024
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Workforce Training & Econ Dev Funds - SWJCF	\$ 15,100,000	\$ 15,100,000	\$ 15,100,000	\$ 0
ACE Infrastructure - SWJCF	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	0
PACE and Regional Sectors - SWJCF	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Gap Tuition Assistance Fund - SWJCF	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Workforce Prep. Outcome Reporting - SWJCF	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
Adult Literacy for the Workforce - SWJCF	5,500,000	0	0	0
Work-Based Intermed Network - SWJCF	1,500,000	0	0	0
Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant - SWJCF	0	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
STEM Best - SWJCF	0	700,000	700,000	0
Total Education, Department of	\$ 35,300,000	\$ 34,000,000	\$ 34,000,000	\$ 0

Governor's Budget and Recommendations (5 of 5)

	Actual FY 2023 <u>(1)</u>	Estimated FY 2024 <u>(2)</u>	Gov Rec FY 2025 <u>(3)</u>	Gov Rec vs Est FY 2024 <u>(4)</u>
Vocational Rehabilitation Services				
Vocational Rehabilitation	\$ 6,116,328	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Independent Living	84,823	0	0	0
Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program	138,506	0	0	0
Independent Living Center Grant	<u>86,457</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Vocational Rehabilitation Services	<u>\$ 6,426,114</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Iowa PBS				
Iowa PBS Operations	\$ 7,870,316	\$ 7,943,538	\$ 8,116,032	\$ 172,494
State Library of Iowa				
State Library	\$ 2,532,594	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Enrich Iowa Libraries	<u>2,464,823</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
State Library of Iowa	<u>\$ 4,997,417</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Education, Department of	<u>\$ 323,951,092</u>	<u>\$ 419,204,356</u>	<u>\$ 450,367,304</u>	<u>\$ 31,162,948</u>

Primary Budget Considerations:

- IESBVI serves 743 students statewide with 78 full-time staff
- ISD serves 97 students, offering day or residential programs on the Council Bluffs campus, with 138 staff
- 66% of revenue is from General Appropriations



Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (IESBVI)

Promotes independence through:

- direct academic services for students from birth to 21 years old with Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Orientation & Mobility Specialists,
- statewide consulting,
- transition programming through 4-Plus Services,
- assistive technology,
- camps, sports, and events to support student independence,
- professional development for schools statewide, and
- family support.

Iowa School for the Deaf (ISD)

Improve student agency through:

- academic programming in a day or residential school for students from preschool-12th grade,
- intensive language immersion,
- transition programming through 4-Plus services,
- statewide interpreter support,
- statewide outreach and assessment, and
- family support.

Primary Budget Considerations:

- Administration and distribution of **15 state-funded financial aid programs.**
- Authorize **268 in-state/out-of-state postsecondary schools** to operate or offer postsecondary education programs in Iowa; authorize Iowa schools to provide **distance education.**
- Ensure students receive the consumer and financial protections afforded under Iowa law and **investigate student complaints.**



Bureau of Iowa College Aid

<u>Code Citation</u>	<u>State Appropriated Programs</u>	<u>2024 Appropriation</u>	<u>2025 Governor's Recommendation</u>
256.192	Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program (IVTG)	1,750,185	1,750,185
256.183	Iowa Tuition Grant Program -- Not-for-Profit Institutions (ITG)	51,421,531	52,707,069
256.183	Iowa Tuition Grant Program -- For-Profit Institutions (ITGp)	108,000	110,700
256.229	Future Ready Iowa Grant	275,000	275,000
256.230	Workforce Grant and Incentive Program	6,500,000	6,500,000
	Administration	591,533	591,533
256.210	Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship (NGSS)	6,600,000	6,600,000
256.212	All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program (AIOS)	3,229,468	3,229,468
256.223	Health Care Professional Recruitment Program	500,973	500,973
256.228	Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship	23,927,005	23,927,005
256.225	Mental Health Practitioner Loan Repayment Program	520,000	520,000
256.221	Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program (RPC)	2,504,933	2,504,933
256.218	Teach Iowa Scholar Program (TIS)	650,000	650,000
256.226	Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program	700,000	700,000
256.224	Health Care Award Program	500,000	500,000
256.227	Skilled Workforce Shortage Grant (Kibbie Grant)**	5,000,000	5,000,000
261B/714	Postsecondary Registration / Consumer Protection	-	-
	Total Iowa College Student Aid Commission State Funding	\$ 104,778,628	\$ 106,066,866
	**Funding is provided under the Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund.		

Primary Budget Considerations:

- This year, the Department received a \$25.8 million federal GEAR UP grant over seven years (2023-24 to 2029-30).
 - Over the past three years (2022-23 to 2024-25), Iowa's GEAR UP work was funded by \$5.6 million in SLFRF directed by Governor Reynolds.
- Other College Access/Success Programs are primarily funded by the strategic reserve with a current balance of \$23,391,889.



Bureau of Iowa College Aid

Other College Access/Success Programs

- **GEAR UP Iowa** - A schoolwide, comprehensive program that supports low-income school districts in preparing students to succeed in college and careers
- **Course to College** - Statewide program supporting high school-based initiatives that guide students/families through college-going process
- **College Coaching** - One-on-one assistance for students/families with postsecondary access, transition and completion
- **Iowa College and Career Readiness Academy** - Training addressing knowledge gap for K-12 counselors, CCTCs and others to support college and career readiness
- **Local College Access Networks** - Grants and training for public-private partnerships addressing workforce needs and raising educational attainment

Primary Budget Considerations:

- All operational revenue is generated from licensure fees
- FY23 revenue: \$3,345,852
 - *75% of revenue from fees (except background checks) supports BOEE operating expenses and 25% of revenues from fees is transferred to the General Fund.*
- 14 staff, including 2 full-time investigators and 2 part-time investigators
- **66.7% increase** in total cases per year from 2020 to 2023 (141 to 235)
 - 2023 - 235 total cases
 - 2022 - 201 total cases
 - 2021 - 164 total cases
 - 2020 - 141 total cases
- 201 currently open cases as of February 2024

Bureau of Educational Examiners

- Establish and maintain high standards for educational practice.
- Adapt to the needs of the field to develop new routes to licensure and teaching authority.
- Use technology to increase the efficiency of processing applications from individuals within Iowa and nationally.
- Establish, maintain and communicate the Ethical Standards of Education.
- Intake, investigate and process ethical complaints in a timely and comprehensive manner.

Primary Budget Considerations:

- Of the STEM Collaborative Initiative \$6,354,848 appropriation, \$4,543,661 goes to the field to support STEM programming:
 - STEM Scale-Up: \$3.8 million
 - STEM BEST (Business Engaging Students and Teachers) WBL: \$361,631
 - STEM Teacher Externships: \$217,030
 - STEM RAPIL (Regents Alternative Pathway to Iowa Licensure) Teacher Scholarships: \$165,000

Iowa STEM

- Nurture talent and interest in STEM education to invigorate the PK-12 talent pipeline for high-demand careers in Iowa as an edu-nomic development initiative.
- Promote evidence-based programs that prioritize future focused skills like Resilience, Problem-solving, Innovative Thinking & Analysis, Communication, Collaboration, Flexibility and more.
- Provide programming to connect PK-12 students with workplace partners increasing awareness of opportunities here in Iowa.
- Provide impactful training and professional development experiences for educators.
- Leverage over 770 unique community partnerships, with 492 business and industry partners.



Administrative Actions in the Department's Four Top Priorities



1. Support a **strong teacher pipeline** through recruitment and retention



2. Strengthen **early literacy** and evidence-based reading instruction

3. **Narrow and close achievement gaps** through accountability and support



4. Empower students with **multiple pathways** to postsecondary success

Support a strong teacher pipeline through recruitment and retention

- Expand the impact of Governor Reynolds' **Teacher and Paraeducator Registered Apprenticeship** program
- Expand the impact of **license reciprocity** and **multiple pathways to licensure**
- Invest an additional \$10 million in a **teacher incentive fund**
- Celebrate more teachers through **regional Teachers of the Year**



Strengthen early literacy and evidence-based reading instruction

- Provide evidence-based LETRS **professional learning** to up to 6,600 educators
- Support **teacher preparation programs** in aligning to evidence-based reading instruction
- Empower **families and teachers** to best serve students in partnership
- Review and revise **ELA standards**
- Support education leaders with information about **ELA high-quality instructional materials**



Why is this important?

Because this will help us further our mission.

"I'm excited for our state to put dollars toward evidence-based practices that are tied to the Science of Reading. This will help us further our mission of accelerating student learning across the state for all kids."



Stacey Cole

Iowa Superintendent of the Year
Superintendent of Storm Lake Community School District

Why is this important?

Because it provides increased knowledge to make informed instructional decisions.

"The LETRS training has provided our teachers and administrators with increased knowledge needed to make informed instructional decisions based on skills needed for students to build reading and writing skills."



TJ Schnecklof

Superintendent of Davenport Community School District

Narrow and close achievement gaps through accountability and support



- Unify Iowa's **school accountability systems** and expand **school improvement** supports
- Support education leaders with information about and access to **high-quality instructional materials**
- Implement a review and revision process for all **state content standards** at least every five years
 - Review and revise **Math and ELA** standards in spring/summer 2024
 - Review and revise **Science** standards in spring/summer 2025

Empower students with multiple pathways to postsecondary success

- Expand access to impactful **Work-Based Learning** experiences
- Launch the **Credentials to Careers** grant and the **Credentials to Child Care Careers** grant
- Update the **Postsecondary Readiness Indicator** to include Work-Based Learning and Industry-Recognized Credentials



Questions?

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