



# IOWA

## Department of Education

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### **Technical Code Corrections/ Clarifications Open Enrollment (282.18)**

The resident district is responsible for actual cost of special education services. There are two mechanisms for this payment: 1) tuition agreement between the resident and serving district when the resident district cannot meet the needs of the student (district choice); and 2) an approved open enrollment request (parent choice). Enrollment in the statewide voluntary preschool program for four-year-old children (SWVPP) (Iowa Code 256C) is not limited to the individual's resident district. Open enrollment does not apply to participation in the SWVPP. Individuals are often enrolled in the SWVPP at a site other than one offered in their resident district. This does not require a tuition agreement or an approved open enrollment request. Since special education students are included on the resident district's regular student count, the serving district cannot count the student in its preschool count (256C.4(2)"b"). The serving district has no means by which to bill the resident district for special education services when the student is attending for the SWVPP. Additionally, the serving (non-resident) district does not generate funding for the student's preschool participation since the individual is on the resident district's regular (1.0) and special education counts.

The Department proposes to add prekindergarten special education pupils to the list for which notification for open enrollment is needed and make corresponding amendment language to address the addition of this population of students.

To provide a means for the serving district to bill the resident district for prekindergarten special education services.

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