

## CHAPTER 96

### EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS — ONLINE LEARNING ALTERNATIVES

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**AN ACT** relating to requirements school districts and accredited nonpublic schools must meet to provide distance learning classes that meet the requirements of Iowa's education program.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. [Section 256.42, subsection 7](#), paragraph c, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

c. ~~Any specified subject course to which~~ If the provisions of [section 256.11, subsection 5](#), does not apply under are made inapplicable under paragraph "a", or are waived under paragraph "b" shall, the specified subject shall be provided by the initiative if the initiative offers the course unless the course offered by the initiative lacks the capacity to accommodate additional students. In that case, the specified subject course may instead be provided or by the school district or accredited nonpublic school if an online alternative satisfying the requirements of subparagraph (1) or (2) can be made available by the school district or accredited nonpublic school. Any course not required under [section 256.11, subsection 5](#), may also be provided by the initiative or by the school district or accredited nonpublic school. However, in either case, if offered by the school district or accredited nonpublic school, the specified subject or course shall be offered through either of the following applies means:

(1) ~~Through an~~ An online learning platform if the course is developed by the school district or accredited nonpublic school itself or is developed by a partnership or consortium of schools that have developed the course individually or cooperatively, provided the course is taught by an Iowa licensed teacher with online learning experience and the course content is aligned with the Iowa content standards and satisfies the requirements of [subsection 6](#). A partnership or consortium of schools may include two or more school districts or accredited nonpublic schools, or any combination thereof.

(2) ~~Through a~~ A private provider utilized to provide the course that meets the standards of [this section 256.42](#) and is approved in accordance with [section 256.9, subsection 55](#).

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