
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

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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 and includes Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO), concurrent enrollment, and career academies. The General Fund appropriation to the Department of Education for summer joint enrollment is used to provide concurrent enrollment opportunities to high school students during the summer, when school aid weighting is not available as a funding source.

Community colleges submit proposals to the Department to be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 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.
- Overall geographic dispersion throughout the state.

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 General Fund appropriation is allocated by the Department of Education to community colleges in two components. The first component is base funding, equal to the minimum required costs identified in the community college's proposal for each course. In FY 2019, the first year for the program, 50.0% of the appropriation was used for base funding. It is anticipated that this proportion will decrease until it reaches 20.0% in FY 2022.

The second component is funding based on enrollment for each course. Enrollment is determined on the third day of the course and reported to the Department. This component will increase as a percentage of total funding as the base funding component decreases.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

2019 Iowa Acts, chapter [1163](#)

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