
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2025

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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 (DE) 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 DE 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 DE has received a Summer Joint Enrollment General Fund appropriation of \$600,000 in the Education Appropriations Act since FY 2019. The appropriation is for support costs associated with a program to provide additional moneys for resident high school pupils enrolled in grades 9 through 12 to attend a community college for college-level classes and for attending a class taught by a community college-employed instructor during the summer and outside of the regular school year through a contractual agreement between a community college and a school district under the Future Ready Iowa initiative. The appropriation provides the support required by Iowa Code section [261E.8\(8\)](#).

The General Fund appropriation is allocated by the DE 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. 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 DE.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

2019 Iowa Acts, chapter [1163](#)

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More Information

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