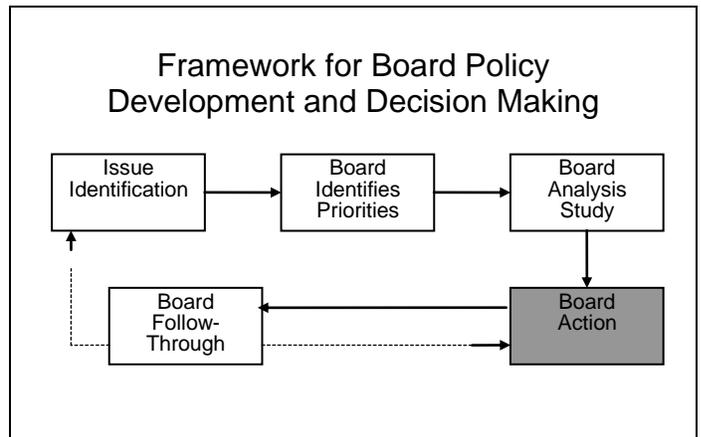


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

March 31, 2011



- Agenda Item:** Rules: Chapter 43 - Pupil Transportation (Adopt)
- Iowa Goal:** All K-12 students will achieve at a high level.
- Equity Impact Statement:** Support the improvement of school bus safety.
- Presenter:** None (consent agenda)
- Attachments:** 1
- Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board amend Chapter 43.
- Background:** Because the training for new bus drivers is more extensive and comprehensive than was the former training, it is no longer necessary for new drivers to be required to take the annual training in the year in which they must receive the new training. However, an employer retains the power to require additional training, at the discretion of the employer.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT [281]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby amends Chapter 43, “Pupil Transportation,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Because the training for new bus drivers is more extensive and comprehensive than was the former training, it is no longer necessary for new drivers to be required to take the annual training in the year in which they must receive the new training. However, an employer retains the power to require additional training, at the discretion of the employer.

An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the February 23, 2011, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as ARC #9372B. Public comments were allowed until 4:30 p.m. on March 15, 2011. No written or oral comments were received.

This amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

The amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 285.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend rule **281—43.32(285)** as follows:

281—43.32(285) Drivers’ schools. All school bus drivers shall attend classes or schools of instruction as approved by the department of education and provided for in Iowa Code subsection 321.376(2). ~~The course of instruction for new drivers, to be successfully completed within the first six months of employment, shall also include the annual course of instruction for the school year in which the new driver is hired.~~ All new drivers shall, within the first six months of employment, successfully complete the “new driver STOP

class” approved by the department. All current school bus drivers shall attend the ~~only~~ annual course of instruction, ~~unless the current driver misses a year of instruction.~~ Upon missing a year of instruction, a current driver shall successfully complete the course of instruction for new drivers prior to receiving an authorization. The employer of a school bus driver may impose additional training requirements for any new or current driver.