

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT [281]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 17, “Open Enrollment,” Iowa Administrative Code.

2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2284, section 37, amended Iowa Code section 257.11(3) to clarify that courses offered by a school district through collaboration with a community college in partnership with a nationally recognized, not-for-profit provider of rigorous and innovative science, technology, engineering, and mathematic curriculum, are courses eligible for supplementary weighting. Such courses are commonly known as “Project Lead the Way” courses. The proposed amendments implement this legislation.

An agency wide waiver provision is provided in 281 – Chapter 4.

Interested persons may submit written comments by October 23, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. Comments on proposed amendments should be directed to Mike Cormack, Iowa Department of Education, second floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146; telephone 515/281-3399; e-mail mike.cormack@iowa.gov; or fax (515)242-5988.

A public hearing will be held on October 23, 2012, from 12 noon to 1 p.m., in the State Board Room, second floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should advise the Department of Education of their specific needs by calling (515)281-5295.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2284, section 37 and Iowa Code 257.11.

The following amendment is proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend rule **17.10(8)** as follows:

17.10(8) A student under open enrollment is eligible to be counted for supplementary weighting pursuant to 281—subrule 97.2(5) for qualifying concurrent enrollment classes in which the student is enrolled, including concurrent enrollment classes provided via the ICN, or supplementary weighting for PLTW enrollment through sharing with a community college pursuant to subrule 97.2(5A). An open enrolled student who is under competent private instruction (CPI) shall be weighted in the student's receiving district, and no tuition shall be billed to the resident district. An open enrolled student who is not under CPI shall be weighted in the resident district, and the funding shall be sent to the receiving district in addition to open enrollment tuition.

a. If the open enrolled student is present in the resident district on October 1 of the school year, the resident district shall count the student, excluding a student under CPI, for supplementary weighting.

b. The concurrent enrollment course must qualify for supplementary weighting in the receiving district pursuant to 281—subrule 97.2(5) and the PLTW course must qualify for supplementary weighting in the receiving district pursuant to 281—subrule 97.2(5A).

c. The resident district shall forward the weighting generated for the concurrent or PLTW enrollment for that student using the district cost per pupil of the school year. The amount generated is calculated as the supplementary weighting full-time-equivalency for that one student for each qualified concurrent or PLTW enrollment course multiplied by the current school year's district cost per pupil in the resident district.

d. The receiving district shall pay the community college the tuition negotiated for the course. The tuition negotiated may cost the receiving district a different amount than that received from the resident district. No additional amount may be charged to the resident district, the student, or the parent, guardian, or legal custodian.

e. If the student was not present in the resident district on October 1 of the school year and is a late transfer, the receiving district bears all the tuition cost and shall not bill the resident district in the first year pursuant to subrule 17.10(7).

