

We are an independent, bipartisan group of lowans appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Iowa Senate. We strive to be an objective voice for educational excellence by doing the following:

- Adopting rules for carrying out the responsibilities of the Iowa Department of Education.
- Establishing standards and procedures as well as reviewing and approving educator preparation programs.
- Hearing parent and guardian appeals of decisions by local school boards.
- Adopting content standards applicable to all kindergarten through 12th grade students in accredited Iowa schools.
- Accrediting school districts and community colleges.
- Reviewing and approving the budgets of area education agencies and community colleges.
- Approving or denying charter school applications.
- Responding to concerns and input from Iowa citizens throughout the year.
- Advocating on major educational issues to the executive and legislative branches.
- Analyzing the data outlined in the annual Condition of Education report.



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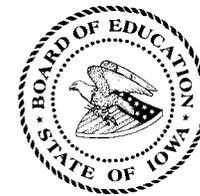
## State Board of Education

# 2020 Priorities



## Our Mission

Our mission is to champion excellence for all Iowa students through leadership and service.



## Our Vision

Iowa students will become productive citizens in a democratic society and successful participants in a global community.

# State Board of Education Priorities

## 1 Eliminating Achievement Gaps

**Goal:** All learners will have access to quality early childhood education.

**Goal:** All learners will meet or exceed literacy and math benchmarks.

**Goal:** All learners will have access to differentiated interventions and learning opportunities.

**Goal:** All teachers will have access and training, in pre-service and in-service, to best practices in early literacy instruction, and cultural competency.

## 2 Implementing Iowa's Academic Standards

**Goal:** All students will engage in learning Iowa's rigorous academic standards to prepare them to be college and career ready.

**Goal:** Statewide assessment of student learning in English language arts, math, and science will be aligned to Iowa's academic standards.

**Goal:** All schools will deliver equitable access to all grade-level standards with the focus on personalized student-centered learning.

## 3 Improving Teacher and Leader Preparation

**Goal:** All teacher and leader preparation programs in Iowa will be aligned to comprehensive standards and prepare candidates to meet the high expectations of our teacher and leader workforce.

**Goal:** All teacher and leader preparation programs in Iowa will develop the competencies candidates need to be culturally responsive to Iowa's increasingly diverse student population.

## 4 Increasing Accessibility of Career and Technical Education, Work-Based Learning, and Community College Credit

**Goal:** All students will have equal access to robust Career and Technical Education, work-based learning experiences, and community college credit opportunities through an integrated system.

**Goal:** Students will have support in developing a robust career and academic plan.

## 5 Supporting Future Ready Iowa

**Goal:** Help achieve the goal of 70 percent of Iowans in the workforce attaining education or training beyond high school by 2025 through innovative community college programs and support services.

## 6 Creating a Safe, Healthy, and Welcoming Learning Environment

**Goal:** All Iowa schools will foster a culture and climate in which students feel safe and supported, and bullying and harassment do not exist.

**Goal:** All students will have access to mental health services and supports in their schools and communities.

**Goal:** All schools will create an environment that promotes social-emotional growth and wellness.