

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(21), the State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 12, “General Accreditation Standards,” Iowa Administrative Code.

In August 2015, the State Board of Education directed the Iowa Assessment Task Force, convened pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.7(21), to reconvene to recommend a statewide science assessment. On March 21, 2016, the Iowa Assessment Task Force made its recommendation regarding a statewide science assessment. This rule making complies with that directive and reflects that recommendation. The task force’s report is available on the website of the Iowa Department of Education.

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

Interested individuals may make written comments on the proposed amendment until January 6, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. Comments on the proposed amendment should be directed to Phil Wise, Administrative Rules Co-Coordinator, Iowa Department of Education, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146; telephone (515)281-4835; e-mail phil.wise@iowa.gov; or fax (515)242-5988.

A public hearing will be held on January 6, 2017, from 9 to 10 a.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 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 Iowa Code section 256.7(21).

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend the following paragraph **12.8(1)“h”**:

h. Designation of “at least one districtwide assessment.”

(1) For purposes of Iowa Code section 256.7, and for a period ending on June 30, 2020, at least one of the districtwide assessments used to measure student progress in core academic indicators in reading and math shall be the assessment developed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), and at least one of the districtwide assessments used to measure student progress in science shall be the science assessment recommended by the assessment task force established pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.7(21)“b”(3).

(2) In implementing subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, the ~~The~~ department shall select a vendor to administer SBAC assessment or any other assessment that is capable of administration by multiple vendors through a request-for-proposal process.

(3) The assessment task force shall review SBAC and science assessment administration and make a recommendation pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.7(21)“b”(3) on or before June 30, 2020.