

Previously asked and answered FAQs

Q1. What is the state-designated career information and decision-making system?

A1. House File 2392 requires the Iowa Department of Education to select a state-designated career information and decision-making system which districts may use to meet the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 279.61. The Iowa Department of Education will conduct a Request for Information (RFI) process in academic year 2017. The objective of the RFI is to compare vendor career information (CIS) products and choose the CIS product best aligned to the Iowa State Board of Education criteria set forth in 281 – Iowa Administrative Code 49.6(3).

Q2. Will school districts be required to use the state-designated CIS?

A2. No. School districts may use any career information system that meets standards adopted by the Iowa State Board of Education through 281 – Iowa Administrative Code 49.6(3). Refer to the department's website for more information on CISs meeting state board standards.

Q3. Will school districts using a career information system that does not meet the Iowa State Board of Education criteria 281 – Iowa Administrative Code 49.6(3) need to choose a product that meets the CIS criteria for academic year 2016-2017?

A3. Iowa public school districts may only use a CIS that meets the Iowa State Board of Education criteria 281 – Iowa Administrative Code 49.6(3). These rules are in effect, and the Iowa Department of Education will work with districts over the coming school year to ensure full compliance in the 2017-18 school year.

Q4. What does the “conditional” status mean?

A4. The “conditional” status indicates that a system met the majority, but not all, of the standards adopted by the Iowa State Board of Education. Vendors were notified of the criteria necessary to remove the “conditional” status and have submitted proposals to address any deficiencies. Vendors are responsible for ensuring any necessary modifications are incorporated into their CIS and reviewed and cleared by the Iowa Department of Education prior to the established deadline. If the deficiencies are not addressed as outlined in the proposal submitted by the vendor, the system will be removed from the department's list of CISs meeting state board standards.