

# Iowa State Board of Education

## Executive Summary

September 12, 2025

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	Rules – Notice of Intended Action – Chapters 12, 14, & 36 (amend)
<b>State Board Priority:</b>	Goals 1, 3 and 4
<b>State Board Role/Authority:</b>	This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code Iowa Code Iowa Code sections 256.7.
<b>Presenter(s):</b>	Thomas A. Mayes General Counsel
<b>Attachment(s):</b>	One
<b>Recommendation:</b>	It is recommended that the State Board of Education give notice of its intent to amend chapters 12, 14, and 36.
<b>Background:</b>	This proposed rulemaking implements technical requirements of four statutes: House File 316 (career planning instruction in grades five through eight); House File 190 (online administration of statewide summative assessments for students receiving primarily online instruction); House File 835 (seizure training and prevention in schools); and Senate File 278 (authorizing the two athletics organizations to offer interscholastic competitions in robotics).

## **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

The State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 12, “General Accreditation Standards,” Chapter 14, “School Health Services,” and Chapter 36, “Interscholastic Athletic Competition,” Iowa Administrative Code.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.7.

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, the following 2025 Iowa Acts: House File 190, House File 316, House File 835, and Senate File 278.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

This proposed rulemaking implements technical requirements of four statutes: House File 316 (career planning instruction in grades five through eight); House File 190 (online administration of statewide summative assessments for students receiving primarily online instruction); House File 835 (seizure training and prevention in schools); and Senate File 278 (authorizing the two athletics organizations to offer interscholastic competitions in robotics).

#### *Fiscal Impact*

Aside from the fiscal impact noted in the Fiscal Note accompanying 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 190, there is no noted fiscal impact.

#### *Jobs Impact*

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

#### *Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the State Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 281—Chapter 4.

#### *Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit comments concerning this proposed rulemaking. Written comments in response to this rulemaking must be received by the State Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 21, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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#### *Public Hearing*

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

October 21, 2025  
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
Room B-50, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa  
Or by video conference at <https://meet.google.com/rhd-dnga-ziy>  
Telephone access to the video conference: +1 385-645-7961 PIN: 403 190 939#

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend the hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the State Board and advise of specific needs.

#### *Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** paragraph **12.5(3)“k”**:

*k. Career planning and pathways.* Instruction in career planning and pathways pursuant to Iowa Code section [256.11\(3\)](#) “a”(11) as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 316, is to be offered in grades five and six. This paragraph does not apply to accredited nonpublic schools.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **12.5(4)“i”** as follows:

*i. Career education instruction, exploration, and development.* Career education instruction, exploration, and development will include exploration of employment opportunities, experiences in career decision making, and experiences to help students integrate work values and work skills into their lives content specified in Iowa Code section [256.11\(4\)](#) “a”(7) as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 316. This paragraph does not apply to nonpublic schools. However, nonpublic schools will comply with subrule [12.5\(7\)](#).

ITEM 3. Amend subparagraph **12.8(1)“h”(2)** as follows:

(2) For the school year beginning July 1, 2018, and each succeeding school year, the The statewide summative assessment referred in this paragraph is to meet all of the following provisions:

1. and 2. No change.

3. The assessment will be available for administration in both paper-and-pencil and computer-based formats and include assessments in mathematics, science, and English language arts, including reading and writing. For students receiving instruction primarily over the Internet from a school district, accredited nonpublic school, or charter school, a school or school district may administer any state-required assessment remotely pursuant to the terms of Iowa Code section [256.7\(21\)](#) “b”(2)(e) as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 190.

4. and 5. No change.

ITEM 4. Adopt the following **new** subrule 14.2(4):

**14.2(4)** *Seizure training and response.*

*a.* Each school district, accredited nonpublic school, or charter school shall adopt policies and implement seizure action plan and training requirements contained in Iowa Code section [280.13D](#) as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 835.

*b.* The state board of education shall adopt a seizure education program, which is to be consistent with standards of the Epilepsy Foundation of America. The department will post materials on the department’s Internet site, [educate.iowa.gov](http://educate.iowa.gov). Materials beyond what is required by paragraph [14.2\(4\)](#) “a” are voluntary.

ITEM 5. Amend rule 281—36.2(280) as follows:

**281—36.2(280) Registered organizations.**

**36.2(1)** Organizations registered with the department include the following:

**36.2(1)** a. Iowa High School Athletic Association (hereinafter association).

**36.2(2)** b. Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union (hereinafter union).

**36.2(3)** c. Iowa High School Music Association (hereinafter music association).

**36.2(4)** d. Iowa High School Speech Association (hereinafter speech association).

**36.2(5)** e. Unified Iowa High School Activities Federation (hereinafter federation).

**36.2(2)** Organizations identified in paragraphs [36.2\(1\)](#) “a” and “b” may sponsor interscholastic competitions related to robotics.