

# Iowa State Board of Education

## Executive Summary

December 4, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Differentiated Accountability

**State Board Goal(s):** Goals 1 and 2

**State Board Role/Authority:** State Board has authority per Iowa Code chapter 256B and Iowa Administrative Code section 281-41.

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**Attachment(s):** None

**Recommendation:** It is recommended the State Board hear and discuss this information.

**Background:** The Division of Special Education releases school district designation levels every three years. The recent release of levels occurred in October 2025. This presentation will provide background on the process and what the designation levels mean for school districts.