**Application to Determine Regional Academy Eligibility for Supplementary Weighting**

 

**Submit application to Jen Rathje at** **jennifer.rathje@iowa.gov** **by May 1 to request Regional Academy approval. Applications must be submitted and approved prior to the school year the host district is requesting Regional Academy Supplementary Weighting.**

District Information

There shall be only ONE Iowa school district that is the host. A regional academy is not a consortium or joint venture. It is a single host district in Iowa to which multiple other Iowa school districts send students.

**Host District Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

Has the board of the host district taken official action to establish/charter the organized course of study that is the regional academy, as part of its regular school district curriculum?

 [ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

Attach board minutes showing board action to establish the regional academy.

Location of Programming

The location must be within the school district boundaries of the host district.

**Physical location (address):** Click or tap here to enter text.

Participating School Districts

List the Iowa public school districts that are actively participating and committing to physically send students to enroll in courses offered by the host district at its regional academy.

There must be at least two (2) Iowa districts sending students. Do not include the host district.

**Participating school district(s):**

Click or tap here to enter text.

Are any of these districts whole grade sharing (WGS) partners to the host district? If yes, which district? This district is not eligible to be considered a sending district under a regional academy because they are already a sending district under WGS.

 [ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No If yes, which district:** Click or tap here to enter text.

Are any of these districts whole grade sharing partners with each other?  If yes, which districts? These districts are counted as one sending district.

 [ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No If yes, which district:** Click or tap here to enter text.

All participating districts must establish a written agreement on how the supplementary weighting generated by all of the districts (including the host district) regarding the regional academy courses will be expended. Will all participating districts (including host district) submit board approval of such written agreement? (Must be “yes”)

 [ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

Regional Academy Eligibility

In order for the host district to establish a regional academy, the host district must meet all course criteria outlined under “Level 1 Eligibility/Course Information”. If the host district is unable to meet the required course criteria, the host district will not qualify for regional academy designation.

**LEVEL 1 ELIGIBILITY**

Level 1 eligibility establishes that a regional academy exists. Eligibility under level 1 will allow the host district to count its eligible resident students that are enrolled and participating in the same classes in which other districts have sent students to the regional academy, if both the students and courses are eligible for regional academy supplementary weighting, and the courses are not eligible to be considered under any other type of supplementary weighting plan (whether or not counted there). Level 1 eligibility does not include an upward adjustment to the minimum level of regional academy supplementary weighting. The total regional academy supplementary weighting may not exceed the maximum.

**COURSE INFORMATION**

There must be at least two (2) such arts and science courses that are beyond minimum accreditation standards of the host district. These courses generate only the supplemental weighting that the eligible resident students sitting in the same classroom with a student from the sending district generate.

Are the courses above/beyond the accreditation requirements in the host district? (Must be “yes”)

[ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

Are all courses provided by the host district? (Must be “yes”)

[ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

Will the courses generate college credit? (Must be “no”)

[ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

Are the courses eligible for any other type of supplemental weighting in the host district? (Must be “no”)

[ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

Are the students physically coming to the host district site? (Must be “yes”)

[ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

Are the courses in the regional academy available to students in all grades 7-12? (Must be “yes”)

[ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

**\*List all advanced level arts and science courses (non-CTE courses) that will be offered by the host school district at the regional academy.**

For each course listed, the host district must include which districts are sending students to each course. (Must be at least two (2) districts, at least two (2) courses, at least two (2) students).

1. Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Click or tap here to enter text.

4. Click or tap here to enter text.

5. Click or tap here to enter text.

6. Click or tap here to enter text.

\*If the applicant needs additional space to list course information, the applicant may submit all course and participating district information as a secondary document with the application. Please ensure to clearly indicate the courses are “Level 1 – Advanced Level Arts and Science Courses”.

**LEVEL 2 ELIGIBILITY**

Level 2 eligibility in an established regional academy allows an upward adjustment to the minimum level of regional academy supplementary weighting if counting of the eligible resident students that are enrolled and participating in the same classes in which other districts have sent students to the regional academy does not already reach the minimum level of regional academy supplementary weighting. The total regional academy supplementary weighting may not exceed the maximum.

**COURSE INFORMATION**

There must be at least one (1) high school credit only CTE course that is beyond minimum accreditation standards of the host district in order to receive any additional supplemental weighting up to the minimum.

Are the courses above/beyond the accreditation requirements in the host district? (Must be “yes”)

[ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

Are all courses provided by the host district? (Must be “yes”)

[ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

Will the courses generate college credit? (Must be “no”)

[ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

Are the courses eligible for any other type of supplemental weighting in the host district? (Must be “no”)

[ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

Are the students physically coming to the host district site? (Must be “yes”)

[ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

Are the courses in the regional academy available to students in all grades 7-12? (Must be “yes”)

[ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

**\*List all high school credit only CTE courses that will be offered by the host school district at the regional academy.**

For each course listed, the host district must include which districts are sending students to each course. (Must be at least one (1) district, at least one (1) course, at least one (1) student).

1. Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Click or tap here to enter text.

4. Click or tap here to enter text.

\*If the applicant needs additional space to list course information, the applicant may submit all course and participating district information as a secondary document with the application. Please ensure to clearly indicate the courses are “Level 2 – High School Credit only CTE”.

**LEVEL 3 ELIGIBILITY**

Level 3 are additional courses offered in an established regional academy that do not generate any regional academy supplementary weighting because the courses are eligible for supplementary weighting under another supplementary weighting plan.

**COURSE INFORMATION**

What concurrent enrollment courses will be offered by a community college through host school district’s regional academy?

1. Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Click or tap here to enter text.

4. Click or tap here to enter text.

What courses will be offered by a community college to the host school district’s regional academy via Virtual/Internet-based or ICN?

1. Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Click or tap here to enter text.

4. Click or tap here to enter text.

What courses will be offered by the host school district’s regional academy to other Iowa public school districts via Virtual/Internet-based or ICN?

1. Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Click or tap here to enter text.

4. Click or tap here to enter text.

What courses will be offered by another Iowa public school district to the host school district’s regional academy via Virtual/Internet-based or ICN?

1. Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Click or tap here to enter text.

4. Click or tap here to enter text.

\*If the applicant needs additional space to list course information, the applicant may submit all course information as a secondary document with the application. Please ensure to clearly indicate the courses are “Level 3 – Additional Courses Offered”.

**LEVEL 4 ELIGIBILITY**

Level 4 are additional opportunities offered in an established regional academy that do not generate any regional academy supplementary weighting but which allow innovation and flexibility to build a culture of innovation for students and community, to diversify educational and economic opportunities by engaging in learning experiences that involve students in complex, real-world projects, and to develop regional or global innovation networks.

**What additional partners or collaborators will be involved with the host district beyond the Iowa school districts listed above as sending students?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**What additional learning opportunities will be offered to students?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Describe/demonstrate how the regional academy will increase and access student achievement or increase and access competency-based learning opportunities for students.**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Will waivers from accreditation standards be necessary to achieve this increased student achievement or competency-based learning opportunities for students?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**What specific standards and why a waiver is necessary for each one.**

Click or tap here to enter text.

Required Information and Documentation

Host District:

1. Submit the completed “Regional Academy Application” to the Department on or before May 1 prior to the year in which you intend to request designation as a regional academy.
* Attach a copy of the published board minutes showing board action of the host district to establish the regional academy.
1. Submit the completed “Agreement on Regional Academy Supplementary Weighting” form by September 1 of the year in which the host district intends to request regional academy supplementary weighting (annually required).
* Documentation must include a copy of each participating district’s board minutes (including the host district) showing approval of the agreement.
1. After the initial application year, the host district will be annually required to complete and submit to the Department a modified application by May 1; a copy of the Agreement on Regional Academy Supplementary Weighting along with a copy of each participating district’s board minutes showing approval of the agreement by September 1.

Participating School Districts:

All participating Iowa districts of the regional academy must establish a written agreement on how the supplementary weighting generated by all districts (including the host district) regarding the regional academy courses will be expended. By September 1 of the year in which the host district intends to request regional academy supplementary weighting, provide a copy of the published board minutes for each participating district showing board action (annually required). Board minutes must address the following:

1. A copy of each participating district’s board minutes showing approval of the “Agreement on Regional Academy Supplementary Weighting” must be provided.

Applicant Information

**Individual submitting application:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Title:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Primary contact email:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Primary contact phone:** Click or tap here to enter text.

Assurances

Complete the assurance statements below.

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| **Assurance Statement** | **Mark “x” to indicate agreement** |
| The individual submitting this application has been authorized by the host district’s Superintendent to submit the application. |  |
| The individual submitting this application certifies that the information contained in this application is, to the greatest extent possible, reasonable, accurate, and true. |  |
| The individual submitting this application acknowledges that knowingly presenting false or misleading information may result in the application being removed from consideration for current and future application cycles. |  |