Iowa's Tuition Refund Policy - Nonstandard Policy Scenario

ABC School offers a 120-day computer science program and charges $5,000 for tuition. Joe Student attends ABC school but decides to drop out after completing 24 days. How much of a tuition refund is he owed?

Formula for Calculating Student Refund and School's Administrative Fee

1. 120 (total # of calendar days in the school period) – 24 (# of calendar days the student completed in the school period) = 96 (# of calendar days the student failed to complete in the school period)

2. 96 ÷ 120 = 0.8 (percentage of the school period that the student failed to complete)

3. 0.8 x $5,000 (tuition charges for the school period) = $4,000 (prorated tuition charges based on actual student enrollment)

4. $4,000 x .95 (School may retain up to 5% in administrative charges [$200]) = $3,800 (student's tuition refund)

Notes:

Iowa law prescribes no rounding procedures. Schools should develop a set of rounding rules that the school applies consistently to all students. Iowa College Aid reserves the right to review the school's application of its rounding rules.

In the case of programs that measure student progress only in clock hours, all occurrences of "calendar days" shall be replaced with "scheduled clock hours".