

Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

March 23, 2023



Agenda Item: Rules: Chapter 72 – Accreditation of Area Education Agencies (Adopt)

State Board Priority: Eliminating Achievement and Opportunity Gaps

State Board Role/Authority: The State Board has the authority to adopt these rules pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.7(5).

Presenter(s): None – Consent Agenda

Attachment(s): One

Recommendation: The Department recommends the State adopt these amendments to Chapter 72.

Background: This rule making adds missing required elements to the rule on area education agency accreditation standards. These changes are long overdue.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Adopted and Filed

The State Board of Education hereby amends Chapter 72, “Accreditation of Area Education Agencies,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code 256.7(5).

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 637, and 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2088.

Purpose and Summary

This rule making adds missing required elements to the rule on area education agency accreditation standards.

Public Comment and Changes to Rule Making

Notice of Intended Action for this rule making was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on February 8, 2023, as **ARC 6877C**.

Public comment closed on February 28, 2023. The Department received no public comment. The adopted rules are identical to the notice of intended action.

Adoption of Rule Making

This rule making was adopted by the State Board on March 23, 2023.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the state of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

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

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making 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.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making 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).

Effective Date

This rule making will become effective on May 24, 2023.

The following rule-making action is adopted:

Adopt the following **new** subrules 72.4(10) to 72.4(12):

72.4(10) The AEA shall maintain a program and services evaluation and reporting system, consistent with the requirements of this chapter.

72.4(11) The AEA shall provide support for school district libraries in accordance with Iowa Code section 273.2(4).

72.4(12) The AEA shall provide support for early childhood service coordination for families and children to meet health, safety, and learning needs, including service coordination under 281—Chapter 120.