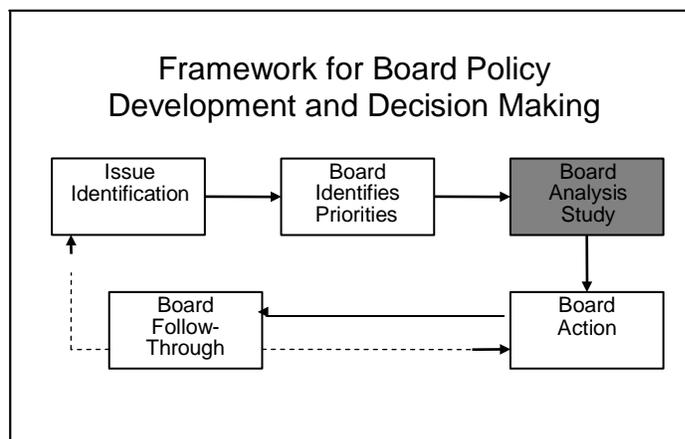


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

March 6, 2014



Agenda Item:

Update on Child Care Standards

Iowa Goal:

Goal 1: All children will enter school ready to learn.
Goal 2: All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.

**State Board Role/
Authority:**

Iowa Code chapter 279.49 allows child care programs that are located on school property and operated or contracted by a board shall either meet standards for child care programs adopted by the state board of education or shall be licensed by the department of human services. If the program is not located on property owned or leased by the board, it must be licensed by the department of human services.

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Attachments:

None

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the State Board hear and discuss this information.

Background:

Update the State Board on work that is currently going on in relation to Child Care Standards.

A number of districts exercised their choice to be exempt from Department of Human Services (DHS) licensing and were under Department of Education (DE) standards. The DE standards addressing child care were developed in 1990. The DE was not aware that districts were aligning their programs to these standards. The DE collected information from districts and discovered there are programs claiming to be accountable to DE standards. This raises issues of needed collaboration between the DE and DHS to ensure all programs are aligned to high standards and have an accountability process in place.