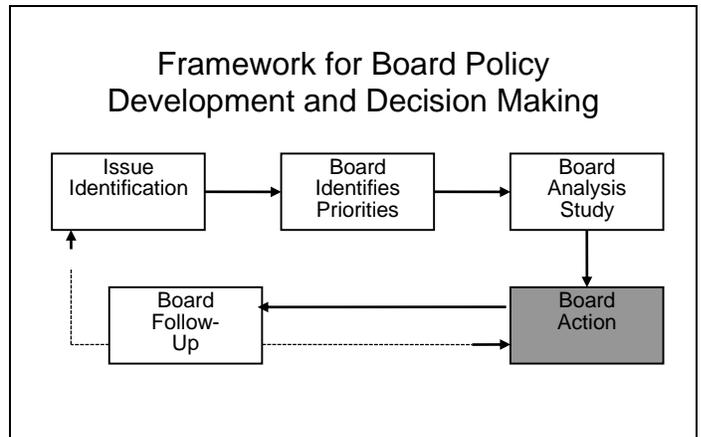


# Iowa State Board of Education

## Executive Summary

September 17, 2015



**Agenda Item:** Rules: 281 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 12 - General Accreditation Standards (Notice)

**Iowa Goal:** All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.

**State Board Role/Authority:** Iowa Code section 256.7(5) gives the State Board of Education the statutory authority to adopt rules under Chapter 17A.

**Presenters:** David Tilly, Deputy Director

Phil Wise, Administrative Rules Co-Coordinator  
Division of Policy and Communications

**Attachments:** 1

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board give public notice of its intent to amend Chapter 12, which deals with the accreditation of schools, in order to align that chapter with the requirements of Iowa Code section 256.7(21).

**Background:** On August 6, 2015, the State Board directed the Iowa Department of Education to present proposed rules for Notice of Intended Action adopting the recommendations of the Assessment Task Force convened pursuant to section 256.7(21).

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.7(21), the State Board is required to “adopt rules incorporating accountability for, and reporting of, student achievement into the standards and accreditation process described in section 256.11.” That subsection further requires that the rules adopted by the State Board, for the school year beginning July 1, 2016, provide for a statewide assessment that is aligned with Iowa academic standards in both content and rigor, and that provides valid, reliable, and fair measures of student progress toward college or career readiness.

## **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT [281]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(21), the State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 12, “General Accreditation Standards,” Iowa Administrative Code.

On August 6, 2015, the State Board of Education directed the Iowa Department of Education to present proposed rules for notice adopting the recommendations of the Assessment Task Force convened pursuant to section 256.7(21). This notice complies with that directive. The task force’s report is available at the following url:

<https://www.educateiowa.gov/documents/boards-committees-councils-and-task-forces/2015/01/2014-12-31-iowa-assessment-task-force>.

An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

Interested individuals may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before November 3, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. Comments on the proposed amendments should be directed to Phil Wise, Administrative Rules Co-Coordinator, Iowa Department of Education, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146; telephone (515) 281-4835; e-mail [phil.wise@iowa.gov](mailto:phil.wise@iowa.gov) ; or fax (515)242-5988.

A public hearing will be held on November 3, 2015, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the State Board Room, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should advise the Department of Education of their specific needs by calling (515) 281-5295.

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

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 256.7(21).

The following amendment is proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 281—12.8(1) by adding the following new paragraph “h”:

*h.* Designation of “at least one districtwide assessment.”

(1) For purposes of Iowa code section 256.7, at least one of the districtwide assessments used to measure student progress in core academic indicators in reading and math shall be the assessment developed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (“SBAC”).

(2) The department shall select a vendor to administer SBAC through a request-for-proposal process.

(3) The assessment task force shall review SBAC administration and make a recommendation pursuant to Iowa code section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph b, subparagraph 3, on or before June 30, 2020.