

**IOWA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy Development Priorities
2015-2016**

Priority	Goal
Reducing Achievement Gaps (with a focus on Multi-Tiered System of Supports and Early Literacy)	All students are proficient in reading by the end of third grade.
Assessment	Statewide assessment of student learning is closely aligned to the Iowa Core.
Iowa Academic Standards	All school districts and accredited nonpublic schools will implement Iowa's rigorous academic standards to prepare Iowa students with the knowledge and skills they need to be college and career ready.
Improving Teacher and Leader Preparation	All teacher and leader preparation programs in Iowa are aligned to comprehensive standards and prepare candidates to meet the high expectations of our teacher and leader workforce.
Innovative Learning Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competency-based Education (CBE) (continue to monitor and support) • Online Learning • Summer Learning • Career and Technical Education 	<p><u>Competency-based Education</u> Students will demonstrate proficiency of essential competencies indicating they are college and career ready.</p> <p><u>Online Learning</u> Students from across the state will have access to rich digital learning environments and comprehensive 9-12 curriculum offerings through online learning opportunities.</p> <p><u>Summer Learning</u> Students in need of additional support will have access to high-quality summer learning opportunities.</p> <p><u>Career and Technical Education</u> Students across Iowa, regardless of geography, will have access to robust Career and Technical Education learning opportunities.</p>