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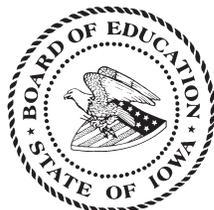
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2016 Priorities

Iowa: A Leader in Education



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Our mission is to champion excellence for all
Iowa students through leadership and service.

Your Iowa State Board of Education is Ready to Serve!

We are an independent, bipartisan group of Iowans who are selected by the Governor and confirmed by the Iowa Senate to work on educational issues. In working exclusively on educational issues, we strive to be an objective voice by doing the following:

- Adopting rules for carrying out the responsibilities of the Iowa Department of Education.
- Establishing standards and procedures for the approval of teacher and administrator preparation programs.
- Reviewing and approving teacher and administrator preparation programs.
- Hearing appeals of decisions of local school boards.
- Adopting content standards applicable to all kindergarten through 12th grade students in Iowa.
- Accrediting community college programs.
- Reviewing and approving the budgets of area education agencies.
- Approving or denying charter school applications.
- Listening to the concerns and input of Iowa citizens throughout the year.
- Providing input on major educational issues to the executive and legislative branches.



2016 PRIORITIES

Reducing Achievement Gaps

Goal: All students will be proficient in reading by the end of third grade.

Transitioning to New Assessments

Goal: Statewide assessment of student learning will be closely aligned to the Iowa Core standards.

Implementing Iowa Academic Standards

Goal: All Iowa 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

Goal: All teacher and leader preparation programs in Iowa will be aligned to comprehensive standards and prepare candidates to meet the high expectations of our teacher and leader workforce.

Innovative Learning Opportunities

Supporting Competency-based Education

Goal: Students will demonstrate proficiency of essential competencies indicating they are college and career ready.

Increase accessibility for:

Online Learning

Goal: Students from across the state will have access to rich digital learning environments and comprehensive 9-12 curriculum offerings through online learning opportunities.

Summer Learning

Goal: Students in need of additional support will have access to high-quality summer learning opportunities.

Career and Technical Education

Goal: Students across Iowa, regardless of geography, will have access to robust Career and Technical Education learning opportunities.