

**281—1.2 (17A,256) Student member of state board of education.** The governor shall appoint a public high school student to serve as a nonvoting member of the state board of education.

**1.2(1) Term.** The nonvoting student member shall serve a term from May 1 to April 30. The student member may serve a second year as the nonvoting student member without having to reapply for the position if the student has another year of high school eligibility remaining before graduation. A vacancy in the membership of the nonvoting student member shall not be filled until the expiration of the term.

**1.2(2) Qualifications.** At the time of making application, the nonvoting student member shall meet all of the following qualifications:

*a.* The student must be a full-time, regularly enrolled tenth or eleventh grade student in an Iowa school district.

*b.* The student must have been regularly enrolled as a full-time student in the district of present enrollment for at least two consecutive semesters or the equivalent thereof.

*c.* The student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average in high school of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (3.75 on a 5.0 scale).

*d.* The student must demonstrate participation in extracurricular and community activities, as well as an interest in serving on the state board.

*e.* The student must have the consent of the student's parent or guardian, as well as the approval of the student's district.

**1.2(3) Application process.** The application process for the nonvoting student member is as follows:

*a.* The department shall, on behalf of the state board, prepare and disseminate application forms to all school districts in Iowa. In addition to the application itself, the student shall submit all of the following:

(1) A consent form signed by the student's parent or guardian.

(2) An approval of the application signed by the superintendent of the student's district of enrollment or the superintendent's designee.

(3) A letter of recommendation from a high school teacher from whom the student received instruction.

(4) A letter of recommendation from a person in the community familiar with the student's community activities.

*b.* The number of applicants in a year from any one district is limited as follows:

(1) If district enrollment for grades 10 through 12 is less than 400 students, there may be no more than one applicant from the district.

(2) If district enrollment for grades 10 through 12 is from 400 to 1199 students, there may be no more than two applicants from the district.

(3) If district enrollment for grades 10 through 12 is 1200 students or more, there may be no more than three applicants from the district.

*c.* All applications shall be submitted on or before February 1 of the year in which the term is to begin. Applications may be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before February 1 to the Iowa Department of Education, Office of the Director, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146.

*d.* All applications shall be initially screened by a committee to be appointed by the director of the department. The initial screening committee shall select not more than 20 semifinalists. If fewer than a total of 20 applications are received, the initial screening process may be omitted, at the discretion of the director of the department.

*e.* The applications of the semifinalists shall be reviewed by a committee appointed by the president of the state board. The committee shall submit a list of two to five finalists to the governor, who shall appoint the student member from the list submitted by the committee on behalf of the state board of education.

**1.2(4)** *Participation of student member in official board activities.* Upon appointment to the board, the student member shall, at minimum, fulfill the following requirements to remain eligible to serve:

*a.* The student shall maintain enrollment as a full-time student in an Iowa public school district. If the student moves or transfers from the district of application, the student must obtain the approval of the superintendent or the superintendent's designee in the student's new district of enrollment.

*b.* The student shall maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average in high school of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or 3.75 on a 5.0 scale.

*c.* The student shall attend regularly scheduled board meetings as required of voting board members. As a nonvoting member, the student may not participate in any closed session of the board.

*d.* The student member's absences from school to participate in official state board activities shall not be shown by the student's district as unexcused absences. The student member's participation in board activities outside the regularly scheduled meetings of the state board shall be approved by the president of the board and the student's superintendent or the superintendent's designee.

*e.* If the student member is a minor, the student's parent or guardian must accompany the student while the student is participating in official state board activities at a location other than the student's resident community, unless the parent or guardian submits to the state board a signed release indicating that the parent or guardian has determined that such supervision is unnecessary.

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