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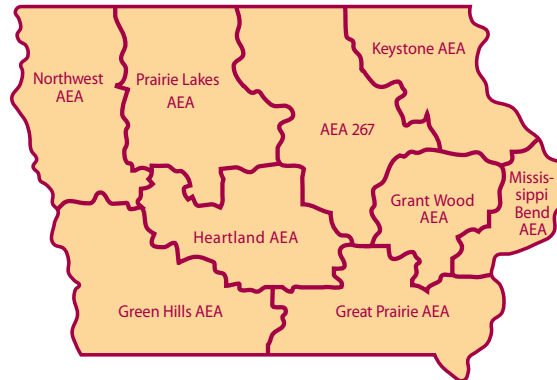
School improvement efforts are placing increased emphasis on student achievement and accountability.

AEAs work as educational partners with public and accredited, non-public schools to help students, school staff, parents, and communities meet these challenges.

AEAs provide special education support services, media and technology services, instructional services, professional development, and leadership development to help improve student achievement.

AEAs were established by the 1974 Iowa legislature to provide equitable, efficient, and economical educational opportunities for all Iowa children. AEAs are widely regarded as one of the foremost regional service systems in the country.

AEA budgets include a combination of direct state aid, local property taxes and federal funds. AEAs have no taxing authority. Funding appears in each local school district's budget and "flows through" the school budgets.



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Iowa AEA Initiatives

The following are statewide initiatives supported by Iowa Area Education Agencies (AEAs). Information and links to each initiative are available on the Iowa AEA website at www.iowaaea.org.

Comprehensive School Improvement and Support for No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

AEAs have been given the challenge and opportunity to support schools and districts that have been identified as in need of assistance as a result of the No Child Left Behind Act. AEAs provide assistance to Schools in Need of Assistance (SINA) and Districts in Need of Assistance (DINA) in systematic planning and facilitation for comprehensive improvement.

Within three months following identification by the Iowa Department of Education, No Child Left Behind requires that a School in Need of Assistance/District in Need of Assistance develop a two-year plan that addresses core academic subjects, utilizes scientifically-researched strategies, implements new teacher mentoring, and includes parent involvement activities.

As part of the collaborative Iowa Support system, AEA efforts are also focused on the improvement of math, reading, and science skills for students across Iowa.

Iowa Core

In the spring of 2008, the Iowa Core Curriculum was mandated by the Iowa legislature for all high schools to implement by 2012 and all elementary/middle schools to implement by 2014-15. Now referred to as the Iowa Core, it identifies a well-researched set of essential concepts

and skills in literacy, math, science, social studies, and 21st century learning skills that students must know to succeed in today's competitive, global world. Each AEA has dedicated time and resources to the rollout, planning, and assessment of the Iowa Core in all Iowa schools.

Early ACCESS

Early ACCESS is a statewide comprehensive system that provides the infrastructure to implement the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act-Part C. Early intervention services are provided to infants and toddlers and their families by the AEAs, the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Child Health Specialty Clinics.

Iowa AEA Online

Iowa AEA Online provides free online resources to assist K-12 students and teachers. These Internet resources are accessible from school or home, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The resources include encyclopedias, magazines, newspapers, videos, photos, clipart, software training, and other resources to support classroom instruction.

Iowa Educators Consortium (IEC)

The Iowa Educators Consortium (IEC) is a voluntary purchasing program that allows schools across the state to take advantage of pricing based on the purchasing volume of many schools and the state's AEAs. The list of savings for students and teachers includes educational software, office products, digital media, and printers.

Iowa AEA Standards of Services

Programs and services fall under nine state standards on which AEAs are accredited.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Support and expertise on best practices in both content and skill areas for children birth to age 5 and K-12 students.

Diverse Learning

Specialized services for children and students birth to age 21 with diverse learning needs, including gifted students and students with disabilities.

Instructional Media

Instructional materials to support K-12 classroom instruction and support for school improvement.

Multicultural, Gender-Fair

Services that assist schools and school districts to ensure supportive learning environments for all students.

Professional Development

Implement the Iowa Professional Development Model; coordinate workshops, courses, and materials and provide ongoing consultation for area educators and support staff.

School-Community Planning

Support for school improvement processes and communication with families and communities.

School Leadership

Leadership services that assist with the recruitment, induction, retention, and professional development of educational leaders.

School Management

Support and interim management of school administrative functions.

School Technology

Assistance with technology planning and integration, training, cooperative purchasing, networking, duplication, and distance learning.

