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**ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
AND REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY MANUAL**

Actions Requested:

1. Adopt amendments to Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 681-1, Admission Rules Common to the Three State Universities (Attachment A).
2. Approve, as a first and final reading, revisions to the Board of Regents Policy Manual Chapter 3.2, Admission Requirements Common to the Three State Universities (Attachment B). The proposed policy manual revisions will be implemented upon the effective date of the administrative rule amendments.

Executive Summary: During the January 12, 2022 meeting, the Board of Regents authorized the Executive Director to file a Notice of Intent to Amend Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 681-1. This notice was published in the February 9, 2022 issue of the Iowa Administrative Bulletin. The period for public comment closed on March 1, 2022. No comments were received.

Revisions to Board Policy Manual, Chapter 3.2, reflect concurrently-proposed amendments to the Board of Regents administrative rules.

CHAPTER 1
ADMISSION RULES COMMON TO THE THREE STATE UNIVERSITIES

ITEM 1. Amend 681—Chapter 1, preamble, as follows:

PREAMBLE

The state board of regents has adopted the following requirements governing admission of students to the three state universities.

Each university is expected to describe in its catalog the requirements and other information necessary to make the admission process operate within the framework of these requirements.

~~Amendments and changes in these requirements normally are proposed by the universities to the regent committee on educational relations, which examines the proposals and makes specific recommendations through the council of provosts to the state board of regents, which is empowered by law to establish the admission requirements.~~

The regent universities recognize that the traditional measures of academic performance do not adequately describe some students' potential for success. Therefore, the regent universities strongly encourage all interested students to apply for admission. Applicants who feel their academic record is not an accurate reflection of their potential for success are encouraged to provide supplemental information explaining their circumstances, in addition to the application, academic transcripts, and test scores.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 1.1(1) as follows:

1.1(1) Application. Applicants must submit a formal application for admission, together with the appropriate application fee as approved by the state board of regents pursuant to Iowa Code ~~subsection 262.9(3)~~ section 262.9(19) and detailed in rule 681—1.7(262), and have their secondary school provide a transcript of their academic record, including credits and grades, rank in class (when available), and certification of graduation. Applicants ~~must~~ may also submit SAT Reasoning Test or ACT scores. Applicants whose primary language is not English must also meet the English language proficiency requirement specified by each university. Applicants may be required to submit additional information or data to support their applications.

ITEM 3. Amend subrule 1.1(2) as follows:

1.1(2) Admission criteria.

a. A regent admission index (RAI) will be calculated for ~~each~~ freshman applicant ~~using~~ applicants who submit all components used in the equation below. For purposes of calculating the RAI, the ACT composite score has a top value of 36 (SAT scores will be converted to ACT composite equivalents), high school GPA is expressed on a four-point scale, and number of high school courses completed in the core subject areas is expressed in terms of years or fractions of years of study.

$$\text{RAI} = \begin{array}{c} (3 \times \text{ACT} \\ \text{composite} \\ \text{score}) \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} (30 \times \text{high school} \\ \text{grade point} \\ \text{average}) \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} (5 \times \text{number of high} \\ \text{school courses} \\ \text{completed in the core} \\ \text{subject areas}) \end{array}$$

b. Freshman applicants from Iowa high schools who have an RAI of at least 245 and who meet the minimum requirements of the regent universities will qualify for automatic admission to any of the three regent universities. Freshman applicants who have an RAI below 245 or who do not have all components used in the RAI may also be admitted to a specific regent university; however, each regent university will review these applications on an individual basis, and admission decisions will be specific to each institution.

ITEM 4. Amend rule 681—1.2(262) as follows:

681—1.2(262) Admission of undergraduate students by transfer from other colleges. Students desiring admission to the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, or the University of Northern Iowa must meet the requirements in this rule and also any special requirements for the curriculum, school, or college of their choice.

Applicants must submit a formal application for admission, together with the appropriate application fee as approved by the state board of regents pursuant to Iowa Code ~~subsection 262.9(18)~~ section 262.9(19) and detailed in rule 681—1.7(262), and request that each college they have attended send an official transcript of record to the admissions office. High school academic records and standardized test results may also be required. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of foreign students whose first language is not English.

1.2(1) No change.

1.2(2) Admission of students with fewer than 24 semester hours of college credit will be based on high school academic ~~and standardized test~~ records in addition to review of the college record.

1.2(3) and **1.2(4)** No change.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 262.9(3).

ITEM 5. Amend subrule **1.6(1)**, definition of “Accredited private institution,” as follows:

“*Accredited private institution*” means an institution of higher education as defined in Iowa Code section ~~261.9, subsection 5~~ 261.9(1).

BOARD POLICY MANUAL CHAPTER 3.2

3.2 Admission Requirements Common to the Three State Universities

- A. The Board shall make rules for admission to and for the government of the institutions under its control, consistent with law. ([Iowa Code § 262.9\(3\)](#))
- B. The Board of Regents, State of Iowa, has adopted the following requirements governing admission of students to the three state universities.
 - i. Each university shall describe in its catalog the requirements and other information necessary to make the admission process operate within the framework of these requirements.
 - ii. Amendments and changes in these requirements are proposed by the universities to the Board Office, which examines the proposals and makes specific recommendations through the Council of Provosts to the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, which is empowered by law to establish the admission requirements.
 - a. Admission of undergraduate students directly from high school. Students desiring admission must meet the requirements in this section and also any special requirements for the program, school, or college of their choice.
 - 1) Applicants must submit a formal application for admission, together with the appropriate application fees for U.S. citizens or permanent residents, to the State University of Iowa, Iowa State University, or the University of Northern Iowa. All three universities have a separate application fee for international students.
 - 2) Transcripts of students' academic records, including credits and grades, rank in class (if available), high school grade point average, courses completed, and certification of graduation, shall be provided by the appropriate secondary schools.

Applicants ~~must~~ may also submit SAT or ACT scores. Applicants whose primary language is not English must also meet an English proficiency requirement specified by each university. Applicants may be required to submit additional information or data to support their applications.

- 3) The ~~primary~~ Regent Admission Index (RAI) is calculated for ~~each~~ freshmen applicants who submit all components using the following formula:

- a) Regent Admission Index = (3 x ACT composite score) + (30 x high school grade point average) + (5 x number of high school courses completed in the core subject areas).
- b. Admission of undergraduate students by transfer from other colleges. Students desiring admission must meet the requirements in this section and also any special requirements for the curriculum, school, or college of their choice.
- 1) Applicants must submit a formal application for admission, together with the appropriate application fee for U.S. citizens or permanent residents, to the State University of Iowa, Iowa State University, or the University of Northern Iowa. All three universities have a separate application fee for international students. Applicants must request that each college they have attended send an official transcript of record to the Admissions Office. High school academic records and standardized test results may also be required. Applicants whose primary language is not English must also meet an English proficiency requirement specified by each university.
 - 2) Transfer applicants with a minimum of 24 semester hours of grades acceptable for transfer credit from colleges or universities accredited by an entity recognized by the US Department of Education who have achieved the grade point required by each university for specific programs for all college work previously attempted, will be admitted, subject to the limitations of b4. Higher academic standards may be required of students who are not residents of Iowa.

Applicants who have not maintained the grade point required by each university for specific programs or who are under academic suspension from the last college attended may, after a review of their academic and test records and at the discretion of the admissions officers: (1) be admitted unconditionally, (2) be admitted conditionally, (3) be required to enroll for a tryout period during a preceding summer session, or (4) be denied admission.
 - 3) Admission of students with fewer than 24 semester hours of college credit will be based on high school academic ~~and standardized test~~ records in addition to review of the college record.