



# IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATS

## BILL SUMMARY

### HF 2443

# Concurrent Enrollment

Status of Bill: On House Calendar

Committee: Education (22-1)

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## Background

Currently, only a student seeking concurrent enrollment for Career Technical Education (CTE) courses does not have to take the statewide assessment. Other than CTE courses, a high school student currently needs to meet proficiency standards in the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) in all areas of math, English and Science to qualify to take concurrent enrollment classes. They also have to meet enrollment standards set by the local community college including any college assessment to determine knowledge of subject matter. They may also submit a score on the ACT or SAT that is deemed proficient.

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HF 2443 removes the statewide assessment (ISASP) requirement for any concurrent enrollment classes. The bill keeps the local community college test standards or meeting a score on the ACT or SAT test. A high school student, however, would only need to take the math local assessment to take an advanced math course, or the English test to take an advanced English course. The bill also eliminates a list of required tests for home schoolers to take concurrent enrollment, so everyone would be eligible using a local assessment, ACT, or SAT score.

For example, Kirkwood requires the Alex test as their local assessment for math, but different community colleges use different assessments. At Kirkwood, math scores are considered valid for two years while reading and writing scores are valid for three years. Other community colleges may allow scores for different length of times. To confirm that all Iowa Community Colleges have some type of local placement tests, here is the community college list with the test that they use:

**Assessment Tools Used by Community Colleges**

COLLEGE	Reading	Writing	Math
DMACC	Accuplacer	Accuplacer	Alex
EASTERN IOWA	ACT, SAT or Accuplacer	ACT, SAT, Accuplacer or Writing Sample	Alex
HAWKEYE	ACT, SAT, Accuplacer	ACT, SAT, Accuplacer	ACT, SAT, Accuplacer
INDIAN HILLS	ACT or Accuplacer	ACT or Accuplacer	ACT or Accuplacer
IOWA CENTRAL	Accuplacer	Accuplacer	Alex
IOWA LAKES	Accuplacer	Accuplacer	Accuplacer
IOWA VALLEY	ACT, SAT or Accuplacer	ACT, SAT or Accuplacer	ACT, SAT or Accuplacer
IOWA WESTERN	ACT	ACT	ACT
KIRKWOOD	Accuplacer	Accuplacer	Alex

**Assessment Tools Used by Community Colleges (Cont.)**

<b>COLLEGE</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>NORTHEAST</b>	Accuplacer	Accuplacer	Alex
<b>NORWESTERN</b>	ACT, COMPASS, Asset, and Accuplacer	ACT, COMPASS, Asset, and Accuplacer	ACT, COMPASS, Asset, and Accuplacer
<b>SOUTHEASTERN</b>	Accuplacer	Accuplacer	Alex
<b>SOUTHWESTERN</b>	Accuplacer	Accuplacer	Accuplacer
<b>WITCC</b>	Accuplacer	Accuplacer	Alex

At the subcommittee on the bill, the Iowa Department of Education estimated that 14,000 high school students could be eligible for concurrent enrollment. However, not all of those students would want to do this, and they still may not be eligible through a local community college test or their ACT or SAT score. An increase in concurrent enrollment students could have a fiscal impact.

However now, according to the Fiscal Services Division in confirming the information with the department, the bill is expected to have little or no fiscal impact. The department now indicates that with the new ISASP that is aligned with the Iowa core, scores have dropped, and this trend will continue. The bill is preventing the potential decrease of students eligible for concurrent enrollment because of students being deemed not proficient based on ISASP.