

Subject Vocational enrichment program

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Overview

Minnesota's school finance system generally limits a school district from counting a student as more than 1.0 pupils in average daily membership (ADM) for each school year for funding purposes. However, as part of the extended time aid formula, a school district may count additional hours of instruction for qualifying students participating in State Approved Alternative Programs (SAAP) including Area Learning Center and Alternative Learning Programs up to a maximum of 0.2 pupils in average daily membership.

The existing extended time funding formula provides funding for school districts for qualifying students equal to \$5,117 times the lesser of 0.2 or the ratio of extended hours to the required number of hours for the regular school year (for a secondary student—carrying a pupil weighting of 1.2—this is a maximum of \$1,228).

This bill establishes a grant program for school districts that have a vocational enrichment program that operates outside of the regular school day. Requires the commissioner to prioritize grants to districts operating programs in particular pathways. The grant amount formula is based on the extended time revenue formula.