

Today is January 27, 2017

## Dates

Today is the last day to add classes.  
J-term final grades due Feb 1 10:00 am  
Feb 3 is the last day to drop without a W.

## From the Dean

It is my honor to announce a very high honor/accomplishment achieved by our Counseling program faculty. We have been awarded full accreditation of our Mental Health and School Counseling Graduate Programs through 2023. The award was made by the national Council of Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Professors Stensrud, Bruinekool, Erguner-Tekinalp and Leuwerke have worked for over three years to meet over 200 specific standards. Our graduates are already successful and this external validation adds an additional seal of approval. On a scale of 1-10, this is an 11! -- Dean of the School of

## 10 facts you may not know about Iowa schools

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/education/2017/01/22/10-facts-you-may-not-know-iowa-schools/96840744/Mackenzie-Ryan>, [mryan@dmreg.com](mailto:mryan@dmreg.com) Published 10:37 a.m. CT Jan. 22, 2017

Each year, Iowa surveys its schools and releases key findings in the annual Condition of Education report, which is produced by the Iowa Department of Education. Here are 10 key facts from the 2016 report, which compiles information from the most recent years available:

1. **483,451 students** enrolled in public schools in 2015-16. After a 17-year decline, it marks the fifth year that public school enrollment increased.
2. **33,040 students** attend non-public schools, such as private or religious schools. Their enrollment has grown for the past three years.
3. **22.6 percent** of Iowa students were of minority racial or ethnic descent in 2014-15. The year before, it was 21.8 percent.
4. **\$56,449** is the average total salary that teachers earned in the 2014-15 school year, an increase of 2 percent over the year before.
5. **\$142,127** is the average total salary of superintendents in 2014-15, up 2.6 percent from the previous year.
6. **19.9** is the average size of kindergarten classes in Iowa, well above the state goal of 17 students or fewer. Iowa has not met its classroom size goal during the last 15 years. However, the average kindergarten class size is down from 20.3 in 2013.
7. **76 percent** of fourth-graders are reading at grade level, which held steady from 2013. In math, 79.2 percent are on grade level, down slightly from 79.5 percent in 2013, according to Iowa Testing Programs.
8. **22.1 points** is the average ACT composite score for Iowa students, above the national average of 20.8. The test includes English, math, reading and science reasoning, and has a possible 36 points. Roughly 68 percent of Iowa students took the exam, but in Des Moines Public Schools, nearly 100 percent of students participated.
9. **90.8 percent** of students in the class of 2015 graduated high school, the highest graduation rate nationally. Roughly half of states require students to take pass an exit exam before

Education, Jan McMahon

## New Drake SOE tech blog:

<http://drakesoetech.blogspot.com/>

Most recent posts:

Padlet - like virtual  
sticky notes on a  
canvas

Hi all, I use Padlet when I want student to respond to an open-ended question. I like Padlet, because it's easy to use, and all users can see responses in one place. Other pedagogies you might use with Padlet are quotes and notes, questioning the author, and think-pair-share. Click on the link to view the video I made. In it, I show how to make a Padlet and how to make the Padlet available in Blackboard.

Go to the blog for a link to an instructional video

Posted by Dr. [Tonia](#) Land

### Where can you find pictures?

In this first Vlog, I share my favorite picture sites such as Pixabay and Iconfinder. I love these sites, as I use lots of pictures in my powerpoint slides. Have fun!

graduating, but Iowa is among states that do not.

**10. \$5.6 billion** is the total budget allotted to Iowa elementary and secondary schools in 2016-17. It includes money for general programs, preschool, special education and other funds. In terms of total dollars, the budget grew when compared to the year before, when it totaled \$5.5 billion.

Go to the blog for a link to  
an instructional video  
Posted by [Dr. Cris  
Wildermuth](#)

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