**281—81.3(256)** Approval of programs. Approval by the state board of an institution's school business official preparation program will be based on the recommendation of the director after study of the factual and evaluative evidence on record about each program in terms of the standards contained in this chapter.

**81.3(1)** Approval, if granted, is for a term of seven years; however, approval for a lesser term may be granted by the state board if it determines conditions so warrant.

**81.3(2)** If approval is not granted, the applicant institution will be advised of the areas in which improvement or changes appear to be essential for approval. In this case, the institution will be given the opportunity to present information concerning its programs at a regularly scheduled meeting of the state board, no later than three months following the board's initial decision.

**81.3(3)** Programs may be granted conditional approval upon review of appropriate documentation. In such an instance, the program will receive a full review after one year or, in the case of a new program, at the point at which candidates demonstrate mastery of standards for authorization.

**81.3(4)** The standards herein apply regardless of delivery mode of instruction. [ARC 7799C, IAB 4/17/24, effective 5/22/24]