

**281—98.26(257,284) Educator quality professional development, also known as professional development supplement.** The purpose of the funding is to implement the professional development provisions of the teacher career paths and leadership roles specified in Iowa Code section 284.15.

**98.26(1) *Appropriate uses of categorical funding.*** Appropriate uses of the educator quality professional development funding, and any amount designated for professional development purposes from the flexibility account as described in rule 281—98.27(257,298A), are limited to providing professional development to teachers, including additional salaries for time beyond the normal negotiated agreement; activities and pay to support a beginning teacher mentoring and induction program that meets the requirements of Iowa Code section 284.5; pay for substitute teachers, professional development materials, speakers, and professional development content; textbooks and curriculum materials used for classroom purposes if such textbooks and curriculum materials include professional development; administering assessments pursuant to Iowa Code sections 256.7(21) “b”(1) and 256.7(21) “b”(2) if such assessments include professional development; costs associated with implementing the individual professional development plans; and payments to a whole grade sharing partner school district as negotiated as part of the new or existing agreement pursuant to Iowa Code section 282.10(4). Reasonable efforts will be made to provide equal access to all teachers.

**98.26(2) *Inappropriate uses of categorical funding.*** Inappropriate uses of educator quality professional development funding include any expenditures that supplant professional development opportunities the school district otherwise makes available.

**98.26(3) *Deference.*** Deference will be given to the decisions of school districts’ boards of directors in accordance with Iowa Code section 257.10.

**98.26(4) *Transfer to flexibility account.*** All or a portion of the moneys received as professional development supplement that remain unexpended and unobligated at the end of a fiscal year may be transferred for deposit to the flexibility account as described in rule 281—98.27(257,298A).

In order to transfer funds to the flexibility account, all requirements of Iowa Code chapter 284 must be met.

**98.26(5) *Additional provision.*** Beginning July 1, 2023, all or a portion of the moneys carried forward from a prior year or received in the current year as professional development supplement funds may be restricted for use limitations described in rule 281—98.24(257,284).

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