

**284A.2 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Administrator*” means an individual holding a professional administrator license issued under [chapter 256, subchapter VII, part 3](#), who is employed in a school district administrative position by a school district or area education agency pursuant to a contract issued by a board of directors under [section 279.23](#) and is engaged in instructional leadership. An administrator may be employed in both an administrative and a nonadministrative position by a board of directors and shall be considered a part-time administrator for the portion of time that the individual is employed in an administrative position.

2. “*Beginning administrator*” means an individual serving under an administrator license, issued by the board of educational examiners under [chapter 256, subchapter VII, part 3](#), who is assuming a position as a school district principal or superintendent for the first time.

3. “*Comprehensive evaluation*” means a summative evaluation of a beginning administrator conducted by an evaluator in accordance with [section 284A.3](#) for purposes of determining a beginning administrator’s level of competency for recommendation for licensure based on the Iowa standards for school administrators adopted pursuant to [section 256.7, subsection 27](#).

4. “*Department*” means the department of education.

5. “*Director*” means the director of the department of education.

6. “*Evaluation*” means a summative evaluation of an administrator used to determine whether the administrator’s practice meets school district expectations and the Iowa standards for school administrators adopted pursuant to [section 256.7, subsection 27](#).

7. “*Mentor*” means an individual employed by a school district or area education agency as a school district administrator or a retired administrator who holds a valid license issued under [chapter 256, subchapter VII, part 3](#). The individual must have a record of four years of successful administrative experience and must demonstrate professional commitment to both the improvement of teaching and learning and the development of beginning administrators.

8. “*School board*” means the board of directors of a school district or a collaboration of boards of directors of school districts.

9. “*State board*” means the state board of education.

[2006 Acts, ch 1182, §28](#)

[C2007, §284A.1](#)

[2007 Acts, ch 108, §50, 60](#)

[CS2007, §284A.2](#)

[2009 Acts, ch 177, §43; 2010 Acts, ch 1183, §35; 2014 Acts, ch 1135, §28; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §2596](#)

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