

CHAPTER 16  
STATEMENTS OF PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION (SPR)

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**282—16.1(256) Statements of professional recognition (SPR).**

**16.1(1) *SPR.*** The following statements of professional recognition may be obtained by first obtaining licensure from the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing and do not permit service as a teacher:

- a. School audiologist.
- b. Speech-language pathologist.
- c. School nurse.
- d. School occupational therapist.
- e. School physical therapist.
- f. School social worker.
- g. School behavior analyst.
- h. Mental health professional.

**16.1(2) *Validity.*** The SPR is valid for five years. Applicants will also maintain their license from the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing during the term of the SPR, and this valid license will be required for the issuance and renewal of the SPR.

**16.1(3) *Temporary authorization.*** A temporary SPR may be issued for one school year if the license from the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing is temporary.

**16.1(4) *Request for SPR.*** The employer will submit a letter requesting that the SPR be issued.  
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**282—16.2(256) School audiologist.** The holder of this SPR is authorized to serve as a school audiologist to pupils from birth to age 21 who are deaf or hard of hearing. The person is required to obtain a professional service license or SPR from the board of educational examiners.  
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**282—16.3(256) Speech-language pathologist.** The holder of this SPR is authorized to serve as a speech-language pathologist to pupils from birth to age 21. The person is required to obtain a professional service license or SPR from the board of educational examiners.  
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**282—16.4(256) School nurse.** The holder of this SPR is authorized to promote the health and safety of the students, including providing medical treatment as allowed under the authority granted by virtue of holding a license from the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing. Applicants will also pass the registered nurse examination.  
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**282—16.5(256) School occupational therapist.** The holder of this SPR can serve as a school occupational therapist to pupils from birth to age 21 who have physical impairments.  
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**282—16.6(256) School physical therapist.** The holder of this SPR can serve as a school physical therapist to pupils from birth to age 21 who have physical impairments.  
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**282—16.7(256) School social worker.** The holder of this SPR is authorized to serve as a school social worker to pupils from birth to age 21 and will hold a licensed independent social worker (LISW) or licensed master social worker (LMSW) license.  
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**282—16.8(256) School behavior analyst.** The holder of this SPR can serve as a school behavior analyst to pupils from birth to age 21.

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**282—16.9(256) Mental health professional.** A mental health professional pursuant to Iowa Code section 228.1 will obtain an SPR from the board of educational examiners to be employed by or provide services to an accredited public or private school. The holder of this authorization can serve as a mental health professional to pupils from birth to age 21. Social workers will instead obtain the professional service license or SPR specific to school social work, which includes the authorization to provide mental health services to an accredited public or private school or area education agency.

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