

**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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