

282—18.4(256) Area and grade levels of administrator endorsements.**18.4(1)** *PK-12 principal and PK-12 supervisor of special education.*

a. Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a principal of programs serving children from birth through grade 12, a supervisor of instructional special education programs for children from birth to the age of 21, and a supervisor of support for special education programs for children from birth to the age of 21.

b. Program requirements.

(1) Degree—master's.

(2) Content: Completion of a sequence of courses and experiences that may have been a part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements. Candidates who successfully complete a building-level educational leadership preparation program understand and demonstrate the capacity to promote the current and future success and well-being of each student and adult by applying the knowledge, skills, and commitments necessary to:

1. Collaboratively lead, design, and implement a school mission, vision, and process for continuous improvement that reflects a core set of values and priorities that include data use, technology, equity, diversity, digital citizenship, and community (Mission, Vision, and Improvement).

2. Advocate for ethical decisions and cultivate and enact professional norms (Ethics and Professional Norms).

3. Develop and maintain a supportive, equitable, culturally responsive, and inclusive school culture (Equity, Inclusiveness, and Cultural Responsiveness) to include meeting the needs of all learners, as well as ensuring teachers meet the needs of diverse learners, including:

- Students from diverse ethnic, racial and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Students with disabilities, including preparation in developing and implementing individualized education programs and behavioral intervention plans, preparation for educating individuals in the least restrictive environment and identifying that environment, and strategies that address difficult and violent student behavior and improve academic engagement and achievement.

- Students who are struggling with literacy, including those with dyslexia.

- Students who are gifted and talented.

- English language learners.

- Students who may be at risk of not succeeding in school. This preparation will include classroom management addressing high-risk behaviors including but not limited to behaviors related to substance abuse.

4. Evaluate, develop, and implement coherent systems of curriculum, instruction, data systems, supports, and assessment (Learning and Instruction).

5. Strengthen student learning, support school improvement, and advocate for the needs of their school and community (Community and External Leadership).

6. Improve management, communication, technology, school-level governance, and operation systems to develop and improve data-informed and equitable school resource plans and to apply laws, policies, and regulations, including a dedicated course in current issues of special education administration (Operations and Management).

7. Build the school's professional capacity, engage staff in the development of a collaborative professional culture, and improve systems of staff supervision, evaluation, support, and professional learning, including the completion of Iowa evaluator training (Building Professional Capacity).

8. Successfully complete an internship under the supervision of knowledgeable, expert practitioners that engages candidates in multiple and diverse school settings and provides candidates with coherent, authentic, and sustained opportunities to synthesize and apply the knowledge and skills pursuant to this rule in ways that approximate the full range of responsibilities required of building-level leaders and enable them to promote the current and future success and well-being of each student and adult in their school, including planned experiences in elementary and secondary administration with special education administration.

c. Other. The applicant will have three years of experience at the early childhood through grade 12 level while holding a valid teaching license or professional service license.

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