

281—15.1(256) Definitions.

“Accredited nonpublic school” means a nonpublic school accredited pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.11.

“Appropriately licensed and endorsed” or *“appropriately licensed”* means possession of current and valid licensure by the Iowa board of educational examiners to practice at a prescribed educational level in a specified content area.

“Area education agency” or *“AEA”* refers to a political subdivision organized pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 273.

“Board of educational examiners” or *“BOEE”* refers to the body with the statutory responsibility to license Iowa educators.

“Delivered primarily over the Internet” means more than 50 percent of the course content or instruction or both is delivered using the Internet.

“Department” means the department of education.

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

“Exclusive instruction” means without the use of any other form of instructional delivery.

“Online learning” and *“online coursework”* mean educational instruction and content that are delivered primarily over the Internet. “Online learning” and “online coursework” do not include print-based correspondence education, broadcast television or radio, videocassettes, or stand-alone educational software programs that do not have a significant Internet-based instructional component.

“Online learning platform” means a set of services by which students access course content and by which students and teachers connect and communicate.

“Online school” refers to a district or nonpublic school providing educational instruction and course content delivered primarily over the Internet for a group of students for whom this method of delivery is the primary method of education. “Online school” also refers to a school for which a district accepts open enrollment for the express purpose of attendance at the online school and that has received permission from the department to operate.

“Participating school district or accredited nonpublic school” means a school district or accredited nonpublic school that is providing online learning or online coursework.

“Private provider” means, for purposes of this chapter, any public or private entity that is not a school district, an accredited nonpublic school, or an AEA.

“School district” means a political subdivision organized pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 274.

“Telecommunications” means narrowcast communications through systems that are directed toward a narrowly defined audience and includes interactive live communications. “Telecommunications” does not include online learning.

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