

**281—41.176(256B) Special school provisions.**

**41.176(1) *Providers.*** Special schools for eligible individuals who require special education outside the general education environment may be maintained by individual LEAs, jointly by two or more LEAs, by the AEA, jointly by two or more AEAs, by the state directly, or by approved private providers.

**41.176(2) *Department recognition.*** Department recognition of agencies providing special education and related services shall be of two types:

*a.* Recognition of nonpublic agencies and state-operated programs providing special education and related services in compliance with these rules.

*b.* Approval for nonpublic agencies to provide special education and related services and to receive special education funds for the special education and related services contracted for by an LEA or an AEA.