

281—72.2(273) Definitions.

“AEA” is an acronym for area education agency.

“Agencywide goals” means cross-divisional desired targets to be reached over an extended period of time, derived from agencywide needs assessment and state and local student learning needs, and upon which services are focused.

“Baseline data” means information gathered at a selected point in time and used thereafter as a basis from which to monitor change.

“Board” means the Iowa state board of education.

“Department” means the state department of education.

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

“Equitable” means that services provided by an AEA are accessible to all schools and school districts within the agency’s service region.

“External knowledge base” means what is known, such as research and student achievement data, from the state or the nation about how learners in other settings perform and respond in a content area such as reading, mathematics, or science, as well as what is known about developing a learning environment that will support the desired student performance and response in a content area such as reading, mathematics, or science.

“Indicators of improvement” means internal data the agency uses to determine how well its continuous improvement processes are implemented.

“Indicators of quality” means external data sources which measure the effectiveness of services.

“School” means an accredited nonpublic school.

“School district” means a public school district.

“State indicators” means the school and school district indicators defined in 281—paragraph 12.8(3)

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