

282—18.6(256) Director of special education.

18.6(1) Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a director of special education.

18.6(2) Program requirements.

- a. Degree—master's.
- b. Endorsement. An applicant will hold or meet the requirements for one of the following:
 - (1) PK-12 principal and PK-12 supervisor of special education;
 - (2) Superintendent/AEA administrator;
 - (3) Supervisor of special education—instructional;
 - (4) Professional service administrator; or
 - (5) A letter of authorization for the special education supervisor issued prior to October 1, 1988.
- c. Content. An applicant will have completed a sequence of courses and experiences of at least 15 additional semester hours to include the following:

- (1) Knowledge of current issues in special education and administration, supervision, and evaluation of special education programs.

- (2) Knowledge of special education school law and legislative and public policy issues affecting children and families including special education ethics.

- (3) Mediation and conflict resolution in special education.

- (4) Knowledge of the powers and duties of the director of special education pursuant to Iowa Code section 273.5.

- (5) Practicum in administration, supervision, and evaluation of special education programs.

18.6(3) Other:

- a. *Option 1: Instructional.* An applicant will hold a special education endorsement and have two years of teaching experience in special education or hold an administrator license with two years of experience in the administration of special education programs.

- b. *Option 2: Support.* An applicant will meet the practitioner licensure requirements for one of the following endorsements and have three years of experience as a:

- (1) School audiologist;
- (2) School psychologist;
- (3) School social worker; or
- (4) Speech-language pathologist.

NOTE: An individual holding a statement of professional recognition is not eligible for the director of special education endorsement.

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