

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)“a.”