**281—99.4(24,256,257,291) Budgets, accounting and reporting.** The school district or AEA shall budget on the GAAP basis of budgeting as defined by the GASB. School districts and AEAs shall use the chart of accounts defined in Uniform Financial Accounting for Iowa LEAs and AEAs (UFA). The school district or AEA shall maintain its financial records and prepare financial reports, including the Certified Annual Report, in the manner and by the procedures prescribed by the departments of education and management in the Uniform Financial Accounting for Iowa LEAs and AEAs (UFA) manual and GAAP. School districts and AEAs shall use the chart of accounts defined in Uniform Financial Accounting for Iowa LEAs and AEAs (UFA). The UFA manual shall be based on the most recent version of Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems published by the United States Department of Education. If GAAP permits a choice of reporting methods for transactions, or if GAAP is in conflict with UFA, the department of education staff shall determine a uniform method of reporting to be used by all school districts and AEAs.

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