

282—18.10 (272) Superintendent/AEA administrator.

18.10(1) Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a superintendent from the prekindergarten level through grade twelve or as an AEA administrator. NOTE: This authorization does not permit general teaching, school service, or administration at any level except that level or area for which the practitioner holds the specific endorsement(s).

18.10(2) Program requirements.

a. Degree—specialist (or its equivalent: A master’s degree plus at least 30 semester hours of planned graduate study in administration beyond the master’s degree).

b. Content. Through completion of a sequence of courses and experiences which may have been part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements, the administrator has knowledge and understanding of:

(1) Models, theories, and practices that provide the basis for leading educational systems toward improving student performance.

(2) Federal, state and local fiscal policies related to education.

(3) Human resources management, including recruitment, personnel assistance and development, evaluation and negotiations.

(4) Current legal issues in general and special education.

(5) Noninstructional support services management including but not limited to transportation, nutrition and facilities.

(6) Practicum in PK-12 school administration. In the coursework and the practicum, the administrator facilitates processes and engages in activities for:

1. Developing a shared vision of learning through articulation, implementation, and stewardship.

2. Advocating, nurturing, and sustaining a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth.

3. Ensuring management of the organization, operations, and resources for a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment.

4. Collaborating with school staff, families, community members and boards of directors; responding to diverse community interests and needs; and mobilizing community resources.

5. Acting with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner.

6. Understanding, responding to, and influencing the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.

18.10(3) Administrative experience. The applicant must meet one of the following:

a. The applicant must have had three years of experience as a building principal while holding a valid license.

b. The applicant must have three years of administrative experience in any of the following areas: PK-12 regional education agency administrative experience, PK-12 state department of education administrative experience, PK-12 educational licensing board administrative experience or PK-12 building/district administrative experience while holding a valid Iowa administrator license.

c. The applicant must have six years of teaching and administrative experience, provided that at least two years are teaching experience and one year is administrative experience, all while holding a valid license.