

281—15.2(256) Definitions.

“*Accredited nonpublic school*” means a nonpublic school accredited pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.11.

“*Appropriately licensed and endorsed*” means possession of current and valid licensure by the Iowa board of educational examiners to practice at a prescribed educational level in a specified content area.

“*Area education agency*” or “*AEA*” refers to a political subdivision organized pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 273.

“*Class size*” refers to the total group taught during a time period by a teacher or teaching team with students at one or more sites.

“*Delivered primarily over the Internet*” means more than 50 percent of the course content or instruction or both is delivered using the Internet.

“*Department*” means the department of education.

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

“*Exclusive instruction*” means without the use of any other form of instructional delivery.

“*Good faith effort*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 279.19A(9).

“*Online learning*” and “*online coursework*” mean educational instruction and content which are delivered primarily over the Internet. “Online learning” and “online coursework” do not include print-based correspondence education, broadcast television or radio, videocassettes, or stand-alone educational software programs that do not have a significant Internet-based instructional component.

“*Online learning platform*” means a set of services by which students access course content and by which students and teachers connect and communicate.

“*Online school*” refers to a district or nonpublic school providing educational instruction and course content delivered primarily over the Internet for a group of students for whom this method of delivery is the primary method of education. “Online school” also refers to a school for which a district accepts open enrollment for the express purpose of attendance at the online school and that has received permission from the department to operate.

“*Participating school district or accredited nonpublic school*” means a school district or accredited nonpublic school that is providing online learning or online coursework.

“*Private provider*” means, for purposes of this chapter, any public or private entity that is not a school district, an accredited nonpublic school, or an AEA.

“*School district*” means a political subdivision organized pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 274.

“*Telecommunications*” means narrowcast communications through systems that are directed toward a narrowly defined audience and includes interactive live communications. “Telecommunications” does not include online learning.

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