

282—16.10(272) Mental health professional. A mental health professional pursuant to Iowa Code section 228.1 who has obtained a license from a bureau under the Iowa department of public health shall obtain a statement of professional recognition (SPR) from the board of educational examiners to be employed by or provide services to an accredited public or private school.

16.10(1) Authorization. The holder of this authorization can serve as a mental health professional to pupils from birth to age 21 (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8). The legalization for this support service personnel is through an SPR and not through teacher licensure.

16.10(2) Requirements.

a. An administrator for the school or area education agency must submit a form to the board of educational examiners to request that the authorization be issued.

b. An applicant must also submit the following documents:

(1) A copy of a temporary or regular license from the relevant bureau of the Iowa department of public health.

(2) An official transcript.

c. While employed by or providing services to an accredited public or private school or area education agency, the applicant must also maintain licensure with the relevant bureau of the Iowa department of public health.

d. Social workers shall instead obtain the professional service license or SPR specific to school social work which includes the authorization to provide mental health services to an accredited public or private school or area education agency.

16.10(3) Validity. The SPR shall be valid for five years.

16.10(4) Temporary authorization. A temporary SPR will be issued for one school year if the class of license from the professional licensure division is temporary. A regular SPR will be issued with verification of a regular license.

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