

281—80.2(272) Definitions. The following definitions are used throughout this chapter:

“Department” means the department of education.

“Director” means director of the department of education.

“Institution” means a public school district, area education agency, community college, institution of higher education under the state board of regents or an accredited private institution as defined in Iowa Code section 261.9(1) offering paraeducator preparation program(s).

“Paraeducator candidate” means an individual who is enrolled in a paraeducator preparation program leading to certification as a generalist, generalist with area(s) of concentration, or advanced paraeducator.

“Paraeducator preparation program” means the program of paraeducator preparation leading to certification of paraeducators.

“State board” means Iowa state board of education.

“Unit” means the organizational entity within an institution with the responsibility of administering the paraeducator preparation program(s).