

281—84.2(256) Definitions. For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“A person who receives a salary as a classroom teacher” means a teacher employed by a school district in Iowa who receives any salary compensation from the school district for providing classroom instruction to students in the school district. The term also means a teacher employed by an area education agency in Iowa who receives all salary compensation through pooled school district funds provided to the area education agency to provide classroom instruction to elementary (including prekindergarten) or secondary students in one or more school districts.

“Department” means the state department of education.

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

“Employed by a school district in Iowa” means a teacher employed in a nonadministrative position in an Iowa school district pursuant to a contract issued by a board of directors of a school district under Iowa Code section 279.13 and any full-time permanent substitute teacher employed under individual contracts not included under Iowa Code section 279.13 but who is receiving retirement and health benefits as part of the substitute teacher’s contract.

“National Board Certification (NBC)” is a nationwide certification program administered by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The certification program requires candidates to participate in a rigorous two-part assessment consisting of portfolio entries and assessment center exercises.

“National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)” is a private nonprofit organization whose goal is to develop professional standards for early childhood, elementary and secondary school teaching. NBPTS administers the NBC program.

“School district” means a public school district.

“Teacher” means an Iowa-licensed teacher as defined in Iowa Code section 272.1.