**281—98.42(257,284) Beginning teacher mentoring and induction program.** The purpose of the beginning teacher mentoring and induction program is to promote excellence in teaching, enhance student achievement, build a supportive environment within school districts and area education agencies, increase the retention of promising beginning teachers, and promote the personal and professional well-being of teachers. Effective July 1, 2017, this program is addressed within educator quality professional development as described in rule 281—98.26(257,284). [ARC 7802C, IAB 4/17/24, effective 5/22/24]