

**279.21 Principals.**

1. The board of directors of a school district may employ principals, under the provisions of [section 279.23](#). A principal shall hold a current valid principal's certificate. Notwithstanding the provisions of [section 279.23](#), after serving at least nine months, a principal may be employed for a term of not to exceed two years.

2. *a.* The principal, under the supervision of the superintendent of the school district and pursuant to rules and policies of the board of directors of the school district, shall be responsible for administration and operation of the attendance center to which the principal is assigned.

*b.* The principal shall, pursuant to the policies adopted by the board of directors of the school district, be responsible for the planning, management, operation, and evaluation of the educational program offered at the attendance center to which the principal is assigned and shall submit recommendations to the superintendent regarding the appointment, assignment, promotion, transfer, and dismissal of all personnel assigned to the attendance center. The principal shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the superintendent.

*c.* For purposes of [this section](#) and [sections 279.23, 279.23A, 279.24, and 279.25](#), the term “*principal*” includes school principals, associate principals, and assistant principals.

[C77, 79, 81, §279.21]

[93 Acts, ch 32, §1](#); [2017 Acts, ch 54, §42](#)

Referred to in [§272.15, 273.22, 275.33](#)