

281—80.11(272) Paraeducator candidate performance standards. Paraeducator candidate assessment and unit planning and evaluation shall include the following:

80.11(1) Performance of paraeducator candidates shall be measured against state certification standards adopted by the board of educational examiners under Iowa Code section 272.12 and the unit's learning outcomes.

80.11(2) Information on performance of paraeducator candidates shall be drawn from multiple assessments, including but not limited to unit assessment of content knowledge and its application as candidates work with students, teachers, parents, and other professional colleagues in school settings, and follow-up studies of certified paraeducators.

80.11(3) The unit's assessment system shall:

a. Provide paraeducator candidates with ongoing feedback about what elements of performance are being assessed and how performance is being assessed.

b. Demonstrate how the information gathered via the individual, paraeducator-candidate assessment system is utilized to refine and revise the unit's framework and program goals, content, and delivery strategies.

c. Explain the process for reviewing and revising the assessment system.

80.11(4) An annual report including a composite of evaluative data collected by the unit shall be submitted to the department by September 30 of each year.