**Section 22.10 Purpose and Applicability**

This Part establishes core principles, values and responsibilities that shall apply to all Illinois educators.

a) The purpose of this Part is to set expectations for educators; guide educational practice; and inspire professional excellence in relation to federal, State, and local policies and rules, and locally established collective bargaining agreements.

b) For the purpose of this Part, "educator" refers to individuals who:

1) hold or are applying for a valid Illinois professional educator license endorsed in a teaching, school support personnel or administrative field issued pursuant to Article 21B of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/Art. 21B];

2) are not required to hold a professional educator license or an educator license with stipulations but who hold or are applying for approval (e.g., certain paraprofessionals and educational interpreters) for their positions issued pursuant to requirements set forth in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25 (Educator Licensure); and

3) are enrolled in an Illinois educator preparation program.

c) Neither this Part nor any provisions within this Part shall be construed to affect in any way the State Superintendent of Education's authority to initiate an action under Article 21B of the School Code to suspend, sanction or revoke an educator's license.

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