**Section 33.20 Purpose and Applicability**

a) This Part sets forth the requirements for the approval of programs to provide individuals with the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to implement a systems-orientation approach to educational leadership, financial oversight, school management, and parental and community involvement.

b) Requirements of this Part are in addition to the requirements for the approval of new educator preparation programs set forth in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.Subpart C.

c) Candidates successfully completing a superintendent preparation program shall obtain a superintendent endorsement on a professional educator license and are eligible to work as superintendents or assistant superintendents.

d) Beginning September 1, 2019, all programs for the preparation of superintendents shall meet the requirements set forth in this Part.

e) Beginning October 1, 2025, no new candidates shall be admitted into a superintendent program until the program's alignment to the National Educational Leadership Preparation (NELP) Program Recognition Standards-District Level, published by the National Policy Board for Educational Administration, 1615 Duke Street, Alexandria VA 22314-3483, and available at http://www.npbea.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/NELP-DISTRICT-Standards.pdf is approved by the State Superintendent.

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