**Section 30.20 Purpose and Applicability**

a) This Part sets forth the requirements for the approval of programs to prepare individuals *to be highly effective in leadership roles to improve teaching and learning and increase academic achievement and the development of all students* [105 ILCS 5/21B-60].

b) Approval of a principal preparation program under 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.120 by the State Superintendent in collaboration with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board shall be based on the alignment of that program's or course's content with the standards identified in this Part.

c) *Candidates successfully completing a principal preparation program shall obtain a principal endorsement on a Professional Educator License and are eligible to work as a principal or an assistant principal or in related or similar positions* (Section 21B-60 of the School Code; also see 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.337).

d) Beginning October 1, 2025, no new candidates shall be admitted into a principal preparation program unless the program aligns to the National Educational Leadership Preparation Program Recognition Standards-Building Level, published by the National Policy Board for Educational Administration, 1615 Duke Street, Alexandria VA 22314-3483, available at http://www.npbea.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/NELP-Building-Standards.pdf, as approved by the State Superintendent pursuant to subsection (b).

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