

CHAPTER 2.00 - SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATION

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY 2.26*+

The School Board shall be responsible for school and student performance and for developing, approving, implementing, and maintaining a system of school improvement and education accountability designed to provide all students the opportunity to make adequate learning gains in each year of school pursuant to Florida Statutes and State Board of Education rules. The system shall establish the individual school as the unit for education accountability and shall conform with the provisions of planning and budgeting as required by Florida Statutes. School as used herein shall include each school-within-a-school, magnet school, self-contained educational alternative center, satellite center, and charter schools.

The system shall include, but not be limited to, the following components:

I. School improvement plans which are adopted for each District school.

Each District school shall develop and present to the Superintendent, by the date set by the Superintendent, an individual school improvement plan for consideration by the School Board. The approved plan shall be implemented upon approval by the School Board.

- A. The plan shall be designed to achieve The State Education Goals and Student Performance Standards and shall be based on a needs assessment which includes an analysis of student achievement data and other school performance data conducted pursuant to data collection requirements in Florida Statutes.
- B. The plan shall address school progress, goals, indicators of student progress, strategies, and evaluation procedures including adequate measures of individual student performance. Specific school safety and discipline strategies and other academic-related issues may be included.
- C. The plan shall address issues relative to budget, training, instructional materials, technology, staffing, student support services, specific school safety and discipline strategies.
- D. The plan for each high school shall include strategies to improve student readiness for the public post-secondary level based on annual analysis of the feedback report data.
- E. The plan for each District school shall be approved annually and shall be implemented as a new, amended, or continued school improvement plan.

F. The plan shall be developed by School Board employees in each District school in conjunction with the school advisory council.

G. Each school plan shall meet the requirements of Florida Statutes

II. An approval process.

The District process for initial approval and subsequent annual approvals of school improvement plans shall provide for each school improvement plan to be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the School Board. The Superintendent shall refer any disapproved school improvement plans to the Commissioner of Education.

III. A Disputed Resolution Process is to be used when the School Board declines to approve a school's improvement plan. In returning the plan to the school advisory council, the School Board shall state the elements within the plan found to be problematic and recommend changes. The school advisory council shall consider revising and resubmitting the plan based upon the school board's feedback. The School Board shall approve or disapprove the school improvement plan. If the plan still does not receive School Board approval, a mediator shall be identified to assist in resolution of the dispute.

A. The mediator shall be mutually agreed upon the School Board and the school advisory council.

B. Upon completion of the mediation process, the school advisory council shall submit a revised school improvement plan to the School Board for approval.

C. Should the School Board not approve the school improvement plan after exhausting this process, the Commissioner of Education shall be notified of the need for assistance. The school advisory council may also notify the Commissioner of Education.

IV. A two-year (2) individualized assistance and intervention plan shall be prepared for schools in danger of not meeting state standards or making adequate progress, as defined in Florida Statutes and State Board of Education rules, in satisfying the goals and standards of their approved school improvement plan. A school that has been identified as being in performance grade category "D" is in danger of failing and must be provided assistance and intervention.

V. The District notification procedures to the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education in the event that any school that has completed a two-year (2) individualized assistance and intervention plan without making adequate

progress in satisfying the goals and standards of its approved school improvement plan.

- VI. A communication program to inform the public about student performance and educational programs in District and school reports.
- VII. Funds for schools to develop and implement school improvement plans.
- VIII. A reporting procedure to provide the Commissioner of Education with annual feedback on the progress of implementing and maintaining a system of school improvement and education accountability. Items specified in Florida Statutes shall be included in all feedback reports.
- IX. The Superintendent shall distribute to students' parent(s) or legal guardian, the Commissioner of Education's written report to the public, describing the current status of Florida's education system.
- X. The Superintendent, upon the school board's approval, may request waiver of any law, specified in Florida Statutes, or State Board of Education rules in order to facilitate innovative practices and to allow local selection of educational accountability. The request shall be directed to the Commissioner of Education and shall include a statement regarding performance standards for ensuring maximum accountability.
- XI. Prior to each school year, the School Board shall decide whether to authorize the Superintendent to approve acceptable school thirty-hour plans for professional development submitted in accordance with the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement.

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NOTES:

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