

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATIONAL GOALS**

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**TITLE:** School Improvement and Education Accountability

**POLICY:**

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 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 the relevant Florida Statutes. School as used herein shall include each school-within-a-school, magnet school, self-contained educational alternative center and satellite center.

- (1) The system shall include, but not be limited to, the following components.
  - (a) School improvement plans which are adopted for each school
    - (i) Each school shall develop and present to the superintendent an initial individual school improvement plan for consideration by the school board.
    - (ii) The initial plan shall be designed to achieve the state education goals and student performance standards and shall be based on a needs assessment pursuant to data collection requirements in Florida Statutes.
    - (iii) The plan shall address school progress, goals, indicators of student progress, strategies and evaluation procedures including adequate measures of individual student performance.
    - (iv) The plan for each district school shall be approved annually and shall be implemented as a new, amended or continued school improvement plan.
    - (v) The plan shall be developed based upon recommendations of the school advisory council.
    - (vi) The school improvement plan shall be consistent with and support the district mission and goals.
  - (b) The district process for initial approval and subsequent annual approvals of school improvement plans
  - (c) A communication program to inform the public about student performance and educational programs in district and school reports
  - (d) Funds for schools to develop and implement school improvement plans
  - (e) A three-year individualized assistance and intervention plan for schools that do not meet or make 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

- (f) The district notification procedures to the Florida Commission on Education Reform and Accountability and the State Board of Education to identify any school that has completed a three-year individualized assistance and intervention plan without making adequate progress in satisfying the objectives and standards of its approved school improvement plan
- (g) A reporting procedure to provide the Florida Commission on Education Reform and Accountability with feedback annually 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.

- (2) Upon the school board's approval the superintendent may request waiver of any law specified in the relevant Florida Statutes, or State Board of Education Rules in order to facilitate innovative practices and to allow local selection of educational methods implementing the system for school improvement and education accountability. The request shall be directed to the commissioner of education and shall include a statement regarding performance standards for ensuring maximum accountability.

**LAWS IMPLEMENTED:** Sections 24.121(5)(c); 1001.10; 1008.385; 1008.345; 1001.42; 1010.01; 1011.01, Florida Statutes

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATIONAL GOALS (cont'd)** **FILE: BA**

**TITLE:** District Plan

**POLICY:**

The superintendent and school board shall develop strategic plan that contains annual and long-range objectives. The major emphasis of the plan shall be upon district priorities, the state's plan for education and the Florida Department of Education's performance standards. The superintendent's budget recommendations to the school board shall be responsive to the district's strategic plan.

**LAWS IMPLEMENTED:** Sections 1008.385; 1001.51, Florida Statutes

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