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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 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 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 the next school year.
 - (1) The plan shall be designed to achieve the state education goals and student performance standards and shall be based on a needs assessment conducted pursuant to data collection requirements in Florida Statutes.
 - (2) The plan shall address school progress, goals, indicators of student progress, strategies, and evaluation procedures including adequate measures of individual student performance. Also included shall be specific school safety and discipline strategies.
 - (3) The plan for each District school shall be approved annually and shall be implemented as a new, amended, or continued school improvement plan.

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- (4) The plan shall be developed by School Board employees in each District school in conjunction with the school advisory council.
 - B. 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 appropriate agency as required by law.
 - C. 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.
 - D. A communication program to inform the public about student performance and educational programs in District and school reports.
 - E. Funds for schools to develop and implement school improvement plans.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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 methods in 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.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

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