

## 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 K-12 school and a strategic plan for Suncoast Technical College.

Each District school shall annually develop and present to the Superintendent or designee, by the date set by the Superintendent, an individual school improvement plan for consideration by the School Board. The Superintendent is authorized to waive the requirement of developing a school improvement plan upon request of a school principal if the principal is able to demonstrate that his/her school is not required to develop such a plan pursuant to Section 1001.42(18), Florida Statutes. 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.

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- 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.
- III. All schools receiving a grade of "D" or "F" will receive the assistance and follow all additional requirements established in Florida Statutes.

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