



Boulder Valley School District

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COMMITMENT TO ACCOMPLISHMENT

As required by state law, the Board of Education has adopted an accountability program to measure the adequacy and efficiency of the educational programs in the District.

Accountability is a shared responsibility among participants in the educational process, including educators, students, parents, and citizens of the Boulder Valley. For its part, the Board of Education views accountability: (1) as a practical way of looking at what we are doing in our schools to help increase student achievement, (2) as a future-oriented process which gives focus and direction to setting priorities and developing ways to improve the educational process, and (3) as a means of considering the cost-effectiveness of our efforts.

All accountability meetings shall be open to the public. Meeting notices shall be posted in the same place and manner as notices of Board meetings and in school buildings, as appropriate.

The Board of Education is ultimately responsible to the electorate for the quality and appropriateness of educational programs. Nevertheless, the Board welcomes help and suggestions of teachers, students, administrators, parents, and taxpayers.

District Accountability Committee. The Board shall appoint a District Accountability Committee that will make recommendations to the Board relative to the program of accountability. The areas of study by the Committee shall be determined cooperatively at least annually by the Committee and the Board.

The District Accountability Committee shall:

1. Review the goals/objectives and plans of individual schools and make annual recommendations to the Board regarding procedures for implementation of the plans for inclusion in the District budget;
2. After consulting with school advisory councils, make recommendations to the Board relative to priorities for expenditures of District funds; and
3. Provide consultation to the Board on the adoption, revision, and implementation of a safe school plan.

Membership. In accordance with applicable law, members of the District Accountability Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Education for two-year terms. Members may be reappointed, but no member shall serve more than three successive terms. Membership shall include at least one representative from each school. At least half of the school representatives shall be parents of children enrolled in the particular school which the parent represents. Efforts will be made to develop a diverse membership. The Superintendent or designee shall serve as an administrative liaison to the Committee and will provide staff services to the Committee. The Board shall assign one of its members to serve as a liaison to the Committee.

The District Accountability Committee shall select a chairman, secretary, and additional officers as considered necessary.

Supplies. Upon selection and acceptance of appointment, each member of the Committee shall be provided with a Committee notebook which contains applicable state statutes as well as policies and/or statements pertaining to the District's accountability program.

Report. As directed by the Board, the Committee shall advise the Board on plans, progress, and problems.

School Advisory Councils. The Board is also committed to maintaining a strong accountability program in each school. Regardless of title, each school shall establish its own school advisory council. Composition of each school advisory council's membership shall be in accordance with applicable law. School advisory councils shall serve the purposes and functions stated in law for both the school advisory council and the school accountability committee. School advisory councils shall:

1. Adopt building goals and objectives;
2. Adopt a plan to improve educational achievement, maximize graduation rates, and increase the ratings for the school's accreditation category;
3. Make recommendations to the principal of the school regarding the prioritization of expenditures of school moneys; and
4. Provide consultation to the Board on the adoption, revision, and implementation of a safe school plan.

Each school advisory council shall meet at least quarterly to discuss:

1. Means for determining whether decisions affecting the educational process are advancing or impeding student achievement;
2. Reporting to students, parents, boards of education, educators, and the School District's Board of Education on the educational performance of the school and providing data for the appraisal of such performance;

3. Recommendations to the school principal on the expenditure of all school grants; and
4. Safety issues related to the school environment.

LEGAL REF.:

C.R.S. 22-7-101 through -107 (Educational Accountability Act of 1971)

CROSS REFS.:

AF Subcodes

BCF, Advisory Committees to the Board

IA, Instructional Goals

NOTE:

Policy IA contains the 11-point goals programs and insturcitonal goals.

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