

Related Entries: (Not identified at this time)

School Improvement and Education Accountability

The School Board of Lee County 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.

- (1) The system shall include, but not be limited to, the following components:
 - (a) Lee County District schools to include charter schools shall annually develop individual school improvement plans and present the plans to the Superintendent for approval by the School Board. The due date shall be set by the Superintendent. The plans shall:
 1. Be designed to improve instruction and achieve the State education goals and student performance standards.
 2. Be based on a needs assessment conducted pursuant to data collection requirements in Florida Statutes and shall include all elements as required by statute or School Board of Education Rules.
 3. Address school progress, goals, indicators of student progress, strategies, and evaluation procedures including adequate measures of individual student performance. School safety and discipline strategies may be included.
 4. Be reviewed by a staff member assigned by the Superintendent.
 5. Be approved annually by the School Board and be implemented as a new, amended, or continued School Improvement Plan.
 6. The Superintendent shall report any disapproved School Improvement Plans to the Florida Department of Education.

- 40 (b) The District shall develop a two-year individualized assistance and
41 intervention plan for schools that do not meet or make adequate progress,
42 (as defined in Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rules), in
43 satisfying the goals and standards of their approved School Improvement
44 Plans and differentiated accountability guidelines.
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- 46 (c) The District shall notify the Department of Education of any school that has
47 completed a two-year individualized assistance and intervention plan without
48 making adequate progress on State standards.
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- 50 (d) The District shall provide funds for schools to develop and implement School
51 Improvement Plans.
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- 53 (e) The District shall report annually procedures on the progress of implementing
54 and maintaining a system of school improvement and education
55 accountability. Items specified in Florida Statutes shall be included in all
56 reports.
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- 58 (f) The District shall implement additional goals or strategies as required by law.
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- 60 (2) The Superintendent shall distribute a written report to parents, legal guardians and
61 the public, describing the current status of the District's education system.
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- 63 (3) The Superintendent, upon the School Board's approval, may request waiver of any
64 law, specified in Florida Statutes, or State Board of Education Rules in order to
65 facilitate innovative practices and to allow local selection of educational methods in
66 implementing the system for school improvement and education accountability. The
67 request shall be directed to the Commissioner of Education and shall include a
68 statement regarding performance standards for ensuring maximum accountability.
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71 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 24.121(5)(c), 1001.10(3), 1008.345, 1001.41, 1001.42,
72 1001.43, F.S.
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