

ACCOUNTABILITY/COMMITMENT TO ACCOMPLISHMENT

The Board accepts its ultimate responsibility for the academic accomplishments of district students. Consistent with this responsibility and as required by law, the Board shall adopt and maintain an accountability program to measure the adequacy and efficiency of the educational program

All district accountability committee meetings and school accountability committee meetings will be open to the public. Meeting notices for district accountability committee meetings shall be posted in the same place and manner as notices of Board Meetings. Notices for school accountability committee meetings shall be posted in the school one week in advance. All meeting notices shall be sent to the local news media.

District accountability committee

The Board shall appoint or create a process for the election of a district advisory accountability committee that will make recommendations to the Board relative to the program of accountability. The areas of study by the committee will be determined cooperatively at least annually by the committee and the Board.

The district's accountability program 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 accountability committees, make recommendations to the Board relative to priorities for expenditures of district funds.
3. provide consultation to the Board on adoption, revision and implementation of a safe school plan

School accountability committees

The Board is committed to maintaining a strong accountability program in each school. School accountability committees shall serve the purposes and functions stated in law for both the school advisory council and the school accountability committee. School accountability committees shall meet at least quarterly to:

1. by September 1 each year, adopt building goals/objectives for the improvement of education in the building
2. by September 1 each year, adopt a plan to improve educational achievement, maximize graduation rates and increase the ratings for the school's accreditation category

3. discuss the means for determining whether decisions affecting the educational process are advancing or impeding student achievement in the school
4. discuss reporting educational performance of the school and providing data for appraising such performance to students, parents, Board members and educators
5. Prior to the Board's adoption of the annual budget, make recommendations to the superintendent (with copies of the recommendations sent to the district accountability committee and the Board of Education), regarding prioritization of expenditures of district moneys by the school
6. make recommendations to the principal regarding expenditure of school grants
7. discuss safety issues related to the school environment and develop, revise and implement a safe school plan for the school consistent with the district's safe school plan and policies

Board of Education

After consultation with the district accountability committee and review of recommendations made by the committee, the Board shall compile school building goals and objectives and plans for the improvement of education in the district. The Board shall annually report to the public the district's goals and objectives for the improvement of education in the district and the district's plan to improve educational achievement, maximize graduation rates, and increase the ratings for each school's accreditation category. The report shall be made available to the public no later than October 1st of each year.

Accreditation indicators

By December 1 of each year, the Board shall disseminate a report to the taxpayers of the district and to the community regarding progress on district and school accreditation indicators. The report shall be made available to the State Board of Education, the general assembly, the governor and the public at large. Results shall be reported in a way that does not identify individual students. The report shall contain all elements required by the Education Accountability Act, an accreditation summary, other state accreditation indicators and additional indicators which assess progress on local district goals and objectives, as set forth in Colorado State Board of Education Rules and Regulations.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-2-117 (waivers from State Board of Education)

C.R.S. 22-11-101 et seq. (Education Accountability Act of 2009)
C.R.S. 22-11-301 and 302 (district accountability committee)
C.R.S. 22-11-401 and 402 (school accountability committees)
C.R.S. 24-6-402 (open meeting law) 1
CCR 301-1, Rules 2202-R-1.00 et seq. (accreditation rules)

CROSS REFS.: AEA, Standards Based Education
AED*, Accreditation
AEE*, Waiver of State Law and Regulation
DBD, Determination of Budget Priorities

NOTE: The Board may consider applying to the State Board of Education for a waiver of certain provisions of law or state regulations which in the Board's discretion it believes necessary to accomplish the purposes of the accountability program. For districts with a funded count of 3,000 or more pupils, such application requires the concurrence of a majority of the appropriate accountability committee and of the affected licensed teachers and administrators. Such a waiver, if granted, will be effective for two years and may be renewed once for an additional two years. See policy AEE* Wavier of State Law and Regulation.

NOTE: State law requires two committees at the school level – the accountability committee and the advisory council. As reflected in this policy, one school level committee can serve the purposes and functions of both the school-level accountability committee and the school advisory council as long as membership includes the legally required persons and the combined committee serves the legally stated purposes and functions of both committees.