

120B.11 SCHOOL DISTRICT PROCESS FOR REVIEWING CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section and section 120B.10, the following terms have the meanings given them.

(a) "Instruction" means methods of providing learning experiences that enable a student to meet state and district academic standards and graduation requirements.

(b) "Curriculum" means district or school adopted programs and written plans for providing students with learning experiences that lead to expected knowledge and skills.

Subd. 2. **Adopting policies.** A school board shall have in place an adopted written policy that includes the following:

(1) district goals for instruction including the use of best practices, district and school curriculum, and achievement for all student subgroups;

(2) a process for evaluating each student's progress toward meeting academic standards and identifying the strengths and weaknesses of instruction and curriculum affecting students' progress;

(3) a system for periodically reviewing and evaluating all instruction and curriculum;

(4) a plan for improving instruction, curriculum, and student achievement; and

(5) an education effectiveness plan aligned with section 122A.625 that integrates instruction, curriculum, and technology.

Subd. 3. **District advisory committee.** Each school board shall establish an advisory committee to ensure active community participation in all phases of planning and improving the instruction and curriculum affecting state and district academic standards. A district advisory committee, to the extent possible, shall reflect the diversity of the district and its learning sites, and shall include teachers, parents, support staff, students, and other community residents. The district may establish building teams as subcommittees of the district advisory committee under subdivision 4. The district advisory committee shall recommend to the school board rigorous academic standards, student achievement goals and measures, assessments, and program evaluations. Learning sites may expand upon district evaluations of instruction, curriculum, assessments, or programs. Whenever possible, parents and other community residents shall comprise at least two-thirds of advisory committee members.

Subd. 4. **Building team.** A school may establish a building team to develop and implement an education effectiveness plan to improve instruction, curriculum, and student achievement. The

team shall advise the board and the advisory committee about developing an instruction and curriculum improvement plan that aligns curriculum, assessment of student progress in meeting state and district academic standards, and instruction.

Subd. 5. **Report.** (a) By October 1 of each year, the school board shall use standard statewide reporting procedures the commissioner develops and adopt a report that includes the following:

- (1) student achievement goals for meeting state academic standards;
- (2) results of local assessment data, and any additional test data;
- (3) the annual school district improvement plans including staff development goals under section 122A.60;
- (4) information about district and learning site progress in realizing previously adopted improvement plans; and
- (5) the amount and type of revenue attributed to each education site as defined in section 123B.04.

(b) The school board shall publish the report in the local newspaper with the largest circulation in the district, by mail, or by electronic means such as the district Web site. If electronic means are used, school districts must publish notice of the report in a periodical of general circulation in the district. School districts must make copies of the report available to the public on request. The board shall make a copy of the report available to the public for inspection. The board shall send a copy of the report to the commissioner of education by October 15 of each year.

(c) The title of the report shall contain the name and number of the school district and read "Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Achievement." The report must include at least the following information about advisory committee membership:

- (1) the name of each committee member and the date when that member's term expires;
- (2) the method and criteria the school board uses to select committee members; and
- (3) the date by which a community resident must apply to next serve on the committee.

Subd. 6. **Student evaluation.** The school board annually shall provide high school graduates or GED recipients who receive a diploma or its equivalent from the school district with an opportunity to report to the board on the following:

- (1) the quality of district instruction, curriculum, and services;
- (2) the quality of district delivery of instruction, curriculum, and services;
- (3) the utility of district facilities; and

(4) the effectiveness of district administration.

Subd. 7. **Periodic report.** Each school district shall periodically ask affected constituencies about their level of satisfaction with school. The district shall include the results of this evaluation in the report required under subdivision 5.

Subd. 8. **Biennial evaluation; assessment program.** At least once every two years, the district report shall include an evaluation of the district testing programs, according to the following:

- (1) written objectives of the assessment program;
- (2) names of tests and grade levels tested;
- (3) use of test results; and
- (4) student achievement results compared to previous years.

History: 1996 c 412 art 7 s 4; 1Sp1997 c 4 art 5 s 12; 1998 c 397 art 6 s 124; art 11 s 3; 2000 c 254 s 2; 2003 c 130 s 12; 1Sp2005 c 5 art 2 s 6-11; 2006 c 263 art 7 s 1