

The School Board of Gadsden County

Bylaws & Policies

Unless a specific policy has been amended and the date of the policy was revised is noted at the bottom of that policy, the bylaws and policies of The School Board of Gadsden County were adopted on June 25, 2013, and were in effect beginning June 26, 2013.

2120 - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

The School Board supports the concept of school improvement as established by the State Board of Education and will seek to create and/or maintain effective schools as defined by Florida statute. The Board shall annually approve and require implementation of a school improvement plan for each school in the District and shall provide funds to schools for developing and implementing school improvement plans.

In addition to adopting a mission statement and educational philosophy for the District, the Board shall create, as needed, policies which support the school improvement process.

The Superintendent shall establish administrative procedures which will provide for:

- A. School improvement plans which are developed and implemented by school-based teams, working collaboratively, so that both building level and District level goals for students can be identified and correlated, and then achieved through effective planning, problem-solving, and assessment.
- B. A District-wide, school-improvement plan which provides for building-level decision-making regarding program assessment, curriculum review, determination of performance standards, budgetary review, staff development, and the monitoring and assessment of student outcomes.
- C. Collaboration at both the building and District levels with parents, relevant institutions and groups, especially those in the community, who can support and facilitate school improvement in the District.
- D. A system of school reports and dissemination of information regarding the performance of students and educational programs as required by Florida statute and State Board of Education rule.

In order to enhance school improvement, the Superintendent is authorized to waive any policy that has been enacted in order to comply with the following Federal statutes/regulations and to request waivers from these laws/regulations from the Superintendent of Public Instruction:

Titles I, II, IV, VI, and Part C of Title VII of the ESEA Act of 1965

The Carl Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act

The General Education Provisions Act

Parts of Education Department General Administrative Regulations

In requesting such waivers, the Superintendent is to abide by the procedures established by the State Department of Education.

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