

INSTRUCTION

School Improvement Plans/Annual School Approval

Each school shall develop and adopt a school improvement plan or process, with annual review for progress and necessary changes. Each school shall submit its plan to the superintendent each year for initial approval and annual review and approval.

Each school improvement plan or process shall be data driven and shall promote a positive impact on student learning.

Each school improvement plan or process shall be based on a building self-review that includes the active participation and input of building staff, students, parents, and community members.

Each school improvement plan or process shall address the following elements:

- A. Characteristics of effective schools as identified by the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the educational service district (a plan may focus on one or several of the characteristics for up to three years);
- B. Safe and supportive learning environments;
- C. Educational equity factors including gender, race, ethnicity, culture, language, and physical and mental ability;
- D. Use of technology;
- E. Parent and community involvement; and
- F. Other factors identified by the school community for inclusion in the plan or process.

Any school participation in a program of school improvement assistance through the state accountability system or the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act shall constitute sufficient compliance with this policy.

The superintendent will recommend schools to the Board of Directors for annual approval based on the school's improvement plan and other factors deemed relevant by the superintendent.

Legal References:

WAC 180-16-220 Supplemental basic education program approval requirements

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