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Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 616

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## **616 SCHOOL DISTRICT SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to focus public education strategies on a process that promotes higher academic achievement for all students and ensures broad-based community participation in decisions regarding the implementation of the Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards and federal law.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Implementation of the Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards and federal law requires accountability for the school district. The school district established a system to transition to the graduation requirements of the K-12 Minnesota Academic Standards. The school district also established a system to review and improve instruction, curriculum, and assessment which will include substantial input by students, parents or guardians, and local community members. The school district will be accountable to the public and the state through annual reporting.

### **III. DEFINITIONS**

- A. “Credit” means a student’s successful completion of one semester of study or a student’s mastery of the applicable subject matter, as determined by the school district.
- B. “Comprehensive achievement and civic readiness” means striving to: meet school readiness goals; close the academic achievement gap among all racial and ethnic groups of students, between students living in poverty and students not living in poverty, between English language learners and non-English language learners, between students who receive or do not receive special education; have all students attain career and college readiness before graduating from high school; and have all students graduate from high school; and prepare students to be lifelong learners.

### **IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF GOALS; IMPLEMENTATION; EVALUATION AND REPORTING**

#### **A. School District Goals**

- 1. The school board has established school district-wide goals that provide broad direction for the school district. Incorporated in these goals K-12

are the graduation and education standards contained in the Minnesota Academic Standards and federal law. The broad goals shall be reviewed annually and approved by the school board. The school board shall adopt annual goals based on the recommendations of the school district's SASIAC Advisory Committee.

2. The SASIAC Advisory Committee is established by the school board to ensure active community participation in all phases of planning and improving the instruction and curriculum affecting state and district academic standards.
  3. The improvement goals should address recommendations identified through the district continuous improvement process. The school district's goal setting process will include consideration of individual site goals. School district goals will be developed through the district's continuous improvement process.
  4. The district's continuous improvement process will ensure:
    - a. The identification of the strengths and weaknesses of instruction and curriculum affecting students' progress;
    - b. A plan for improving instruction and curriculum; and
    - c. An instruction plan that includes educational effectiveness processes integrating instruction, curriculum, assessment, and technology.
- B. System for Reviewing All Instruction and Curriculum. Incorporated in the process will be analysis of the school district's progress toward implementation of the Minnesota Academic Standards. Instruction and curriculum shall be reviewed and evaluated by taking into account strategies and best practices, student outcomes, principal evaluations under Minnesota Statutes section 123B.147, and teacher evaluations under Minnesota Statutes section 122A.40, or 122A.41.
- C. Advisory Committee (Student Achievement and Systems Improvement Advisory Committee - SASIAC)
1. By November 1 of each year, the advisory committee will meet to advise and assist the school district in the implementation of the school district system accountability and continuous improvement process.
  2. The Student Achievement and Systems Improvement Advisory Committee (SASIAC), working in cooperation with other committees of the school district, will provide active community participation in:
    - a. Reviewing the school district instructional and curriculum plan,

with emphasis on implementing the Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards;

- b. Identifying annual instruction and curriculum improvement goals for recommendation to the school board;
  - c. Making recommendations regarding the evaluation process that will be used to measure school district progress toward its goals; and
  - d. Advising the school board about development of the annual budget.
3. The committee shall meet the following criteria:
- a. SASIAC shall ensure active community participation in planning for instruction and curriculum affecting achievement.
  - b. SASIAC shall give input to the school board on school district-wide standards, assessments, and program evaluation.
4. The committee shall meet four times annually.
5. Committee members will be nominated by their building principal in consultation with the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) or other equivalent parent organization.
6. Term of Office
- a. Committee representatives will serve up to two years.
  - b. Members may be reappointed to serve no more than one additional two-year term if there is difficulty recruiting a representative.

D. Reporting.

1. Consistent with Minnesota Statutes section 120B.36, Subd. 1, the school board shall publish the Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness report on the school district website. The school board shall hold an annual public meeting to review and revise, where appropriate, student achievement goals, local assessment outcomes, plans, strategies, and practices for improving curriculum and instruction and cultural competency and efforts to equitably distribute diverse, effective, experienced, and in-field teachers, and to review school district success in realizing the previously adopted student achievement goals and related benchmarks and the improvement plans leading to comprehensive achievement and civic readiness. The school board must transmit an electronic summary of its report to the Commissioner in the form and manner the Commissioner determines. The school district shall periodically survey affected constituencies about their connection to and level of satisfaction with school. The school district shall include the results of this evaluation in its summary report to the Commissioner.

2. The school performance report for a school site and a school district must include performance reporting information and calculate proficiency rates as required by the most recently reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
3. The school district must annually report the district's class size ratios by each grade to the Commissioner of education in the form and manner specified by the Commissioner.
4. The school district must report whether programs funded with compensatory revenue are consistent with best practices demonstrated to improve student achievement.

***Legal References:***

Minn. Stat. § 120B.018 (Definitions)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations and Graduation Requirements for Minnesota's Students)  
  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process for Reviewing Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Achievement Goals; Striving for Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness )  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.35 (Student Academic Achievement and Growth)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.36 (School Accountability;) Minn. Stat. § 122A.40 (Employment; Contracts; Termination)  
Minn. Stat. § 122A.41 (Teacher Tenure Act; Cities of the FirstClass; Definitions)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.04 (Site Decision Making, Individualized Learning Agreement; Other Agreements)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.147 (Principals)  
Minn. Stat. § 126C.12 (Learning and Development Revenue Amount and Use)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0660 (Academic Standards forLanguage Arts)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0700-3501.0745 (Academic Standards for Mathematics)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0820 (Academic Standards for the Arts)Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0900-3501.0960 (Academic Standards in Science)Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1300-3501.1345 (Academic Standards for Social Studies)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1400-3501.1410 (Academic Standards for Physical Education)  
20 U.S.C. § 6301, *et seq.* (Every Student Succeeds Act)

***Cross References:***

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 104 (School District Mission Statement)  
Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 105 (Equity, Access and Excellence in Education)  
Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 601 (School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals)

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 614 (School District Assessment Program)

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 615 (Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students)

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 620 (Credit for Learning)