

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 process to measure the adequacy and efficiency of the educational program.

All district accountability committee meetings and school accountability committee meetings shall 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 by the school at least one week in advance.

In accordance with state law, the Board shall appoint members of the district accountability committee. School accountability members shall be appointed by the school principal. The district accountability committee and school accountability committees shall have those powers and duties prescribed by state law. The Board and the district accountability committee shall, at least annually, cooperatively determine the areas and issues, in addition to budget issues, that the district accountability committee shall study and the issues on which it may make recommendations to the Board.

District Accountability Committee

The district accountability committee shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Recommend to the Board priorities for spending school district funds. The district accountability committee will consult in a substantive manner with school accountability committees in making its recommendations. The Board shall consider these recommendations in adopting the school district budget each fiscal year.
2. Advise the Board concerning preparation and annual submittal of recommendations regarding the contents of the district's unified improvement plan.
3. Annually review each school's unified school improvement plan and make recommendation for the accreditation of each school. In advising and preparing the recommendation, the district accountability committee shall consult in a substantive manner with each school's accountability committee.
4. Review charter applications and provide input to the Board prior to consideration of the charter by the Board.
5. Provide input and recommendations on an advisory basis to principals concerning the development and use of assessment tools used for the purpose of measuring and evaluating student academic growth as it relates to educator effectiveness and evaluation.
6. Advise the Board on issues related to school safety and wellness.

School Accountability Committee

Each school accountability committee shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Recommend to the principal priorities for spending school funds. The principal shall consider the school accountability committee's recommendations regarding spending state, federal, local, or private grants and any other discretionary funds and take them into account in formulating budget requests for presentation to the Board, if the school is a district public school, other than a charter school, or in creating the school budget if the

school is a district or institute charter school. The school accountability committee for a district public school shall send a copy of its recommended spending priorities to the school district accountability committee and the Board.

2. Submit recommendations and advise the principal and superintendent in the preparation and contents of a school performance, improvement, priority improvement, or turnaround plan, whichever is applicable.
3. Submit recommendations and advise the Board in the preparation and contents of a school performance, improvement, priority improvement, or turnaround plan, if required pursuant to statute.
4. Meet monthly to discuss the school's progress toward meeting the goals of the unified improvement plan and if the actions of the school are advancing or impeding implementation of the school's unified improvement plan.
5. Provide input and recommendations on an advisory basis to the district accountability committee and district administration, if the school is a district public school, other than a charter school, or to the governing board if the school is a district or institute charter school, concerning school leadership, personnel, and infrastructure advancing or impeding implementation of the school performance, improvement, priority improvement, or turnaround plan, whichever is applicable, in accordance with statute and Board policy.
6. Advise and provide input to the principal on issues related to school safety and wellness.

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C.R.S. 22-11-101 et seq. (Educational Accreditation Act of 2009)
C.R.S. 22-11-210 (public schools annual review)
C.R.S. 22-11-301 and 302 (district accountability committee)
C.R.S. 22-11-401 and 402 (school accountability committees)
1 CCR 301-1, Rules 2202-R-2.01 et seq. (accreditation rules)

Cross refs.: ADA, Thompson School District Goals
AEA, Standards Based Education
AED, School District Accreditation
BDF, Advisory Committees to the Board, and sub codes
IEA*, Improvement of Instruction
KDA, Parent Involvement in Education