

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the creation of a new state accountability system for public elementary and secondary schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 13-3-62 be amended to read as follows:

13-3-62. A single, statewide state accountability system is established. The system shall hold public schools accountable for the academic achievement of their students and shall ensure that all public schools make yearly progress in continuously and substantially improving the academic achievement of their students.

Section 2. That § 13-3-63 be amended to read as follows:

13-3-63. The state accountability system shall be based on the South Dakota Content Standards in reading and mathematics approved by the South Dakota Board of Education. The yearly progress of students shall be measured by the state academic assessments as may be prescribed by the Legislature, and shall take into account the achievement of all public elementary school and secondary school students in reading and mathematics annually. Additional indicators established pursuant to § 13-3-69 shall be used in the measurement of yearly progress.

Section 3. That § 13-3-64 be amended to read as follows:

13-3-64. The state accountability system shall measure whether all students meet or exceed the state's proficient level of academic achievement. Multiple indicators shall be established to indicate continuous and substantial academic improvement of the achievement of all public school students as well as sub-groups of public school students, including economically disadvantaged students, students from major racial and ethnic groups, students with disabilities, and students with limited English proficiency.

Section 4. That § 13-3-65 be amended to read as follows:

13-3-65. The state accountability system shall determine annually the progress of each public school, including the annual progress of sub-groups of students, using annual assessment data and data from additional academic indicators.

Section 5. That § 13-3-67 be amended to read as follows:

13-3-67. The state accountability system shall include interventions for schools in the form of sanctions, rewards, and recognition. The interventions shall be based on the school's ranking on the state's achievement standards and additional indicators.

Section 6. That § 13-3-69 be amended to read as follows:

13-3-69. The South Dakota Board of Education may promulgate administrative rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to establish the state accountability system based on achievement and other indicators including:

- (1) A definition of academic progress;
- (2) The method of calculating yearly progress in mathematics and reading for all public schools, including methods for determining both the status and growth;
- (3) A definition of four levels of student achievement, including a proficient level;
- (4) Determination of cut scores in mathematics and reading for each level of student achievement;
- (5) Establishment of the measurable objectives for academic progress;
- (6) Establishment of a system of sanctions, rewards, and recognition;
- (7) Establishment of the process for teacher and principal evaluation;
- (8) Determination of the criteria to demonstrate student preparedness for college and career for each public high school;
- (9) Determination of the method for calculating the attendance rate for each public elementary and middle school;

- (10) Establishment of an appeal process for public schools; and
- (11) Establishment of a process whereby the state accountability system will be periodically reviewed.

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