

# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

SECTION: 100 Programs

TITLE: School Improvement

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## 101 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

### **Purpose**

The Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students have access to high quality academic instruction in safe, supportive, and welcoming schools.

### **Authority**

The school board has the authority to annually assess individual public school quality and performance and establish a process to identify schools that require support, prioritize school improvement efforts, and provide students, families, and the public with information to compare school quality and performance across the district.[1][2][3][4][5]

Therefore, it shall be the policy of the District to establish an accountability tool to annually assess school quality, performance, and school environment. The accountability tool shall be used to identify and celebrate successes, strategically focus resources for the greatest impact, track student group progress and school performance against district goals, and provide students, families, and the public with the ability to compare school quality and performance across the district.

It shall also be the policy of the District to establish a process to evaluate school quality and performance to prioritize areas needing interventions and supports, enable evidence-based decisions about school intervention, support continual school improvement and efficient operation, and make recommendations to ensure the greatest access to high quality opportunities. The school assessments and interventions shall be consistent with federal and state laws and rules as designed and implemented by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee shall establish an accountability tool to annually evaluate individual school quality and performance, identify schools for priority action, create academic improvement plans, and publish information to provide students, families, and the public with information to compare school quality and performance across the district.[6][7]

### **Legal References:**

1. 24 P.S. 211
2. 24 P.S. 221
3. 24 P.S. 507
4. 24 P.S. 510

5. Philadelphia Home Rule Charter sec. 12-300
6. 24 P.S. 1001
7. Philadelphia Home Rule Charter sec. 12-400

**Related Information:**

1. Annual School Progress Reports
2. System of Great Schools