

Mendocino Unified School District

Instruction

Evaluation of the Instructional Program

The Governing Board recognizes that it is accountable to the students, parents/guardians, and community for conducting a continual evaluation of the curriculum and the instructional program.

The Superintendent or designee shall review the effectiveness of District programs in meeting desired outcomes. he/she shall provide the Board and the community regular reports on student progress toward Board-established standards of expected achievement at each grade level in each area of study. Based on these evaluations, the Board shall take appropriate actions to maintain the effectiveness of programs and, as needed, to improve the quality of education that District students receive.

Program Quality Reviews: The Superintendent shall ensure that program quality reviews for the District schools are conducted in accordance with law. (EC 64001)

To prepare for a program quality review, the Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures by which a thorough self-study shall be conducted. The goal of the self-study shall be to provide accurate information about the curriculum and instructional program and their effectiveness in meeting student needs and District goals for the instructional program. This information shall be analyzed in comparison to quality criteria formulated by the California Department of Education, and a self-study summary shall be prepared for use during the program quality review.

Findings from the program quality review shall be consulted during Board evaluations of the instructional program and shall guide ongoing efforts to improve the quality of curriculum and instruction at each school.

Coordinated Compliance Reviews: The Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with the California Department of Education in the conduct of coordinated compliance reviews to ensure that all District categorical programs comply with federal and state laws and regulations. The Superintendent

Legal Reference: Education Code

- 33400-33407 Educational evaluations (by CDE)
- 44662 Evaluation and assessment guidelines
- 51041 Education pgm, evaluation, and revisions
- 51226 Model curriculum standards
- 51513 personal beliefs
- 52034 Evaluations required for SIP
- 54650-54659 EdImprovemnt Incentive Pgm
- 62005.5 Failure to comply with purposes of funds
- 64000-64001 Consolidated Application Process

Board Policy 6190

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or designee shall notify the Board of the results of these reviews.

Criteria for Evaluation of Consolidated Programs:

The Superintendent or designee shall conduct annual evaluations to determine whether supplemental services provided by consolidated programs are effective and supportive of the core curriculum. As a basis for this evaluation, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend specific, measurable criteria which shall be used at each school and at the District level to evaluate student achievement and the effectiveness of each consolidated program.

The Superintendent or designee shall submit these criteria for consideration by the Board. If desired, each school may establish additional evaluation criteria beyond these District-wide criteria. Evaluations conducted for each school shall be presented annually to the Board.

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

Accreditation: The Board believes that accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges can foster excellence and ongoing academic improvement in the District's schools. The accreditation process also may demonstrate to parents/guardians and the community that the schools are meeting their goals and objectives and the WASC criteria for school effectiveness through a viable instructional program.

The Superintendent or designee shall undertake procedures whereby the District's schools may achieve and maintain full WASC accreditation status. The schools shall conduct a self-study in accordance with WASC requirements, cooperate with the WASC committee during a site visit, and develop and review action plans to increase the effectiveness of the instructional program for students. The Superintendent or designee shall regulatory report to the Board on the status of District schools and any WASC recommendations for school improvement.

Code of Regulations, Title 5

3930-3937 Program requirements

3942 Continuity of funding

Management Resources: CDE Publications

Guide and Criteria for Program Quality Review – Elementary, 1994

Guide and Criteria for Program Quality Review – Middle Level, 1994

Guide and Criteria for Program Quality Review – High School, 1995