

Policy AE Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision for school district goals and objectives and the basic structure for developing a district performance-based accountability system and comprehensive plans.

Mission statement

The mission of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties, an educational community unified by an uncompromising commitment to excellence and strengthened in diversity, is to ensure that each student fulfills his or her potential and excels in a changing world by instilling integrity and virtue, stimulating critical and creative thinking, developing effective communicators and problem solvers, and fostering superior achievement and life long learning.

The district will implement this vision by providing life-long learning opportunities that will develop the potential of all individuals and thereby improve the quality of life for all citizens of the district.

Goals and objectives

Board of Trustees Goals (2005-2006)

<u>Goal I</u>	To serve as an advocate for the children of District Five and to ensure that every student has a fair, equitable and appropriate opportunity to participate in quality educational experiences while being prepared for a successful life after completion of their K-12 experience.
<u>Goal II</u>	To vigorously support the mission of the school district, the strategies and action plans of the district and individual school strategic plans, the goals and strategies of the superintendent and district administration, and the board standards as established by the South Carolina School Boards Association.
<u>Goal III</u>	To promote effective communication with employees, students, parents/legal guardians and members of the community in order to develop positive relationships and active stakeholder support of the programs and activities of the school district.
<u>Goal IV</u>	To participate in programs designed to provide proactive support for continuous improvement in public education both locally and at the state and national levels.
<u>Goal V</u>	To provide for the development and implementation of both short- and long-range building plans and programs that will address both present and future needs of the district.
<u>Goal VI</u>	To maintain and ensure compliance with policies which define the organization, governance, management and operations of the school district.
<u>Goal VII</u>	To provide appropriate resources that maintain the tradition of quality in educational opportunities for students served in the school district.

2005-2006 District Administrative Goals

<u>Goal I</u>	To manage the operations and functions of the school district in an orderly, effective and efficient manner.
<u>Goal II</u>	To oversee the activities of the district to ensure compliance with the district's mission and beliefs as well as all school board policies.
<u>Goal III</u>	To supervise the implementation of the action plans included in the district strategic plan.

<u>Goal IV</u>	To maintain continuous communication with all stakeholders in the district in order to promote ownership and positive relations.
<u>Goal V</u>	To develop plans designed to address both short- and long-range facilities needs in the district.
<u>Goal VI</u>	To serve as facilitator and conduit for the goals adopted by the board of trustees.
<u>Goal VII</u>	To provide for the safety, welfare and success of students and staff in the school district.
<u>Goal VIII</u>	To continue to monitor curricular and instructional programs and issues for the purpose of continuous improvement.

Accountability system

As required by the Education Accountability Act of 1998, the board will ensure the establishment of a district system of performance-based accountability and incorporate it into the district's strategic plan. Each school will indicate the accountability components in its improvement or renewal plan.

The board must review and revise the accountability system annually.

The district must involve parents, teachers and principals in the development, annual review and revision of the district accountability system.

Comprehensive plan

The district will develop and implement five-year comprehensive plans by schools and by the district to meet the requirements of The Early Childhood Development and Academic Assistance Act of 1993 ([Act 135](#)), Section 2 and Section 11.

District and school plans will be derived from strategies found to be effective in educational research. The plans must contain performance goals, interim performance goals and timelines for progress. Further, the district will develop methods of assessing the effectiveness of strategies to indicate whether strategies should be continued, modified or terminated.

The district will submit copies of its five-year comprehensive plan and its district performance-based accountability system to the State Department of Education for review in accordance with the law.

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Legal references:

South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 as amended:

[Section 59-20-60](#) - Improvement councils.

[Section 59-18-1300](#) - District accountability system, development and review.

[Section 59-18-1310](#) - Reports consolidated; submission dates.

[Section 59-18-1500](#) - ...Review and revision of improvement plan.

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