

**Concept and Roles in Instruction****Student Achievement**

The Bethany Board of Education (Board) recognizes that the key work of school boards is to establish and promote a clear vision of student achievement as the top priority of the Bethany Public School District (District). The Superintendent will ensure development and implementation of a District-wide program for student achievement improvement that engages District stakeholders in a continuous improvement planning process that provides for annual review, revision as needed, and reports to the community. The District's program will be reflected in the District Strategic Plan and will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Self-evaluation of current and prior disaggregate student achievement and behavioral data, including student and community demographics, District progress toward development and implementation of improvement programs, and community satisfaction.
- Data-driven goal setting and student learning objectives.
- Assessment systems for measuring students' progress in the fundamental learning areas.
- Action planning including provisions for accountability, professional staff development, steps to assure a safe educational environment conducive to learning, identification of local efficiencies and resources, steps to assure all students have access to the educational opportunities needed to meet the high standards of the State and District, resource allocation and realignment strategies needed to support improvement areas.
- Reporting systems for informing the community, and the State, of assessment results.

The District's program will be consistent with the requirements of the Connecticut Department of Education and reflected in the District Strategic Plan.

The Board, will in striving for continuous improvement of student achievement, annually review District and individual school data on student achievement. In addition, the Board will prioritize, allocate and realign resources as necessary.

**School Accountability**

The primary purpose of schooling is the transmission of knowledge and culture through which students learn in areas necessary to their continuing development and entry into the world of work. To fulfill that purpose, the State Board of Education prepared Connecticut's Common Core of Learning. The Board gives priority in the allocation of resources, including funds, time, personnel, and facilities, to fulfilling this purpose.

**Quality Assurance**

The Board shall continuously monitor the quality of the District’s work. The Superintendent shall supervise the school’s process for continuous school improvement.

The Superintendent shall regularly report the District’s progress to the Board and seek Board approval for the District Strategic Plan.

Legal References:       No Child Left Behind Act, §1116, 20 U.S.C. §6316  
                                  105 ILCS 5/2-3.63, 5/2-3.64, 5/10-21.3a, and §5/27-1

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