

NOTE: While Colorado school districts are not required by law to adopt a policy on this subject, some content in this sample reflects legal requirements school districts must follow. This sample contains the content/language that CASB believes best meets the intent of the law. However, the district should consult with its own legal counsel to determine appropriate language that meets local circumstances and needs.

Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment

The Board accepts its ultimate responsibility for the academic accomplishments of district students. Consistent with this responsibility and as required by law, the Board shall adopt and maintain an accountability program to measure the adequacy and efficiency of the educational program.

In accordance with state law, the Board shall appoint or create a process for the election of a district accountability committee and shall determine if members shall be appointed or elected to school accountability committees. If elected, the Board shall create a process for the election of school accountability committees. See regulation AE-R. The district accountability committee and school accountability committees shall have those powers and duties prescribed by state law. The Board and the district accountability committee shall, at least annually, cooperatively determine the areas and issues, in addition to budget issues, that the district accountability committee shall study and the issues on which it may make recommendations to the Board.

All district accountability committee meetings and school accountability committee meetings shall be open to the public. Meeting notices for district accountability committee meetings shall be posted in the same place and manner as notices of Board meetings. Notices for school accountability committee meetings shall be posted in the school.

(Adoption date)

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-2-117 (*waivers from State Board of Education*)
C.R.S. 22-11-101 *et seq.* (*Education Accountability Act of 2009*)
C.R.S. 22-11-301 and 302 (*district accountability committee*)
C.R.S. 22-11-401 and 402 (*school accountability committees*)
1 CCR 301-1, Rules 2202-R-1.00 *et seq.* (*accreditation rules*)

CROSS REFS.: AEA, Standards Based Education
AED*, Accreditation
AEE*, Waiver of State Law and Regulation
DBD, Determination of Budget Priorities

NOTE 1: The Board may consider applying to the State Board of Education for a waiver of certain provisions of law or state regulations which in the Board's discretion it believes necessary to accomplish the purposes of the accountability program. For districts with a funded count of 3,000 or more pupils, such application requires the consent of a majority of the appropriate accountability committee and of the affected teachers and licensed administrators. Such a waiver, if granted, will be effective for two years and may be renewed once for an additional two years. See policy AEE Waiver of State Law and Regulation.*

NOTE 2: State law and the rules of the State Board of Education set out the powers and duties of the district accountability committees and school accountability committees. Because of the specificity of state law and regulation, we did not list those powers and duties in this sample policy or accompanying regulation. One new responsibility for the district accountability committee is to provide input and recommendations on an advisory basis to principals concerning the development and use of assessment tools for the purpose of measuring and evaluating student academic growth as it relates to teacher evaluations. C.R.S. 22-11-302 (1)(d). The school accountability committee at each school is to provide input and recommendations to the district accountability committee and the administration concerning the principal's evaluation. C.R.S. 22-11-302 (1)(e) and C.R.S. 22-11-402 (1)(e).