

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION DENVER

Administration
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The Board of Education shall submit a Comprehensive Equity Plan based on an assessment of the district's needs for achieving equity in educational programs that includes a cohesive set of policies, programs, and practices that ensure high expectations and positive achievement patterns and equal access to education opportunity for all learners, including pupils and teachers.

The Comprehensive Equity Plan shall include the following:

1. A needs assessment that includes pupil assessment and behavioral data disaggregated by gender, race, ethnicity, Limited English Proficiency, Special Education, Migrant, date of enrollment, pupil suspension, expulsion, Child Study Team referrals, Pre-Kindergarten through grade eight promotion/retention data, Pre-Kindergarten through grade eight completion rates, and re-examination and re-evaluation of classification and placement of pupils in special education programs if there is overrepresentation within a certain group; staffing practices; quality of program data; and stakeholder satisfaction data;
2. A description of how other Federal, State, and district policies, programs, and practices are aligned to the Comprehensive Equity Plan;
3. Adequate yearly progress targets for closing the achievement gap;
4. Professional development targets regarding the knowledge and skills needed to provide a thorough and efficient education as defined by the Core Curriculum Content Standards; differentiated instruction and formative assessments aligned to Core Curriculum Content Standards; and high expectations for teaching and learning; and
5. Annual targets addressing district needs in equity in school and classroom practices that are aligned to professional development targets.

A Comprehensive Equity Plan shall be developed every three years and the Board of Education shall initiate the Comprehensive Equity Plan within sixty days of its approval and shall implement the plan in accordance with the timelines approved by the New Jersey Department of Education.

In the event the Board of Education does not implement the Comprehensive Equity Plan within one hundred eighty days of its approval date, or fails to report its progress annually or as required by the New Jersey Department of Education, sanctions deemed to be appropriate by the Commissioner of Education or his/her designee shall be imposed, and may include action to suspend, terminate, or refuse to award continued Federal or State financial assistance, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:55-2.

N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.9

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