

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to focus public education strategies on a process, which promotes higher academic achievement for all students and ensures broad-based community participation in decisions regarding the implementation of the Minnesota Academic Standards and the No Child Left Behind Act.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

It is the responsibility of NWSISD member school districts to comply with the state statutes, rules and regulations regarding implementation of the Minnesota graduation standards. This responsibility includes developing and implementing strategies to increase student achievement and developing an accountability system, which reports annually to the public.

NWSISD will work with its member school districts to develop programs and activities that will assist its member school districts in increasing student achievement for all students while decreasing the achievement gap between students of color and white students.

**III. ESTABLISHMENT OF GOALS; IMPLEMENTATION; EVALUATION AND REPORTING**

**A. NWSISD Goals**

The school board has established goals that provide broad direction for NWSISD. These broad goals should focus on student achievement and be reviewed annually and approved by the school board.

**B. Implementation**

The Executive Director shall develop an annual work plan containing strategies that address NWSISD's goals and are designed to achieve the outcomes. The Executive Director may request the Community Collaboration Council to review the work plan. This work plan shall be reviewed and approved by the school board.

**C. Evaluation**

The Executive Director shall be responsible for ensuring an evaluation of NWSISD's achievement of its identified goals and outcomes is conducted annually.

**D. Annual Report on Outcomes**

The Executive Director shall be responsible for preparing an annual report on NWSISD's achievement of its goals and outcomes. The annual report shall be presented to the NWSISD school board and then disseminated to the school boards of NWSISD's member school districts.

**Legal References:**

Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Results-Oriented Graduation Rule)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.031 (Implementing the Profile of Learning)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.35 (Student Achievement Levels)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.04 (Site Decision Making Agreement)  
Minn. Rule Parts 3501.0010 – 3501.0180 (Rules Relating to Graduation Standards - Mathematics and Reading)  
Minn. Rule Parts 3501.0200 – 3501.0290 (Rules Relating to Graduation Standards - Written Composition)  
Minn. Rule Parts 3501.0300 – 3501.0469 (Rules Relating to Graduation Standards - Profile of Learning)  
Minn. Rule Parts 3501.0160 (District Reporting Requirements)  
Minn. Rule Parts 3501.0420 Subp 1 (A) (Implementation Reporting)

***Cross References:***

- NWSISD Policy 601 (NWSISD Curriculum and Instruction Goals)
- NWSISD Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)
- NWSISD Policy 614 (State and Federal Required Testing)
- NWSISD Policy 615 (Basic Standards Testing, Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEP, Section 504 Accommodation, and LEP Students)
- NWSISD Policy 617 (NWSISD Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards)
- NWSISD Policy 618 (Assessment of Standard Achievement)
- NWSISD Policy 621 (Record Keeping/Reporting/Advising of Student Achievement of Graduation Standards)
- NWSISD Policy 622 (Minnesota Graduation Standards Appeal Process)

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