

IC 20-25-12

Chapter 12. School Plans for Improvement

IC 20-25-12-1

Contents of board's plan

Sec. 1. (a) IC 20-31-1, IC 20-31-2, IC 20-31-5, IC 20-31-6, IC 20-31-7, IC 20-31-8, IC 20-31-9, and IC 20-31-10 apply to the school city. The composition of a local school improvement committee is determined under IC 20-31-1, IC 20-31-2, IC 20-31-5, IC 20-31-6, IC 20-31-7, IC 20-31-8, IC 20-31-9, and IC 20-31-10.

(b) The plan developed and implemented by the board under IC 20-25-10 must contain general guidelines for decisions by the educators in each school to improve student achievement in the school.

(c) The board's plan shall provide for the publication to other schools in the school city and to the general community those:

- (1) processes;
- (2) innovations; and
- (3) approaches;

that have led individual schools to significant improvement in student achievement.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.9.

IC 20-25-12-2

Educators' plan; use of traditional or innovative techniques

Sec. 2. (a) Educators in each school are responsible for improving student achievement in the school and may develop the educators' own school plan to achieve improvement that:

- (1) conforms to the guidelines issued by the board; and
- (2) has a cost that does not exceed the amount allocated to the school under section 5 of this chapter.

(b) Educators may use traditional or innovative techniques that the educators believe will:

- (1) best maintain a secure and supportive educational environment; and
- (2) improve student achievement.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.9.

IC 20-25-12-3

Provision for parental involvement

Sec. 3. Each school's plan must include the development and maintenance of efforts to increase parental involvement in educational activities.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.9.

IC 20-25-12-4

Promotion of student achievement

Sec. 4. School plans must promote:

(1) increased options for; and
(2) innovative and successful approaches to;
improving student achievement.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.9.

IC 20-25-12-5

General fund budgets for schools

Sec. 5. The initial approved general fund budget for each school for a school year must be, as nearly as is reasonable and practicable, proportionate to the total general fund budget for the school city in the same ratio as the school's estimated current ADM for the fall count in the school year compares to the school city's estimated current ADM for the fall count for that school year.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.205-2013, SEC.239.

IC 20-25-12-6

Educators' determination of needed educational resources; purchases and acquisitions

Sec. 6. (a) Each school's educators may:

- (1) determine the educational resources, goods, and services that are necessary and appropriate for improving student performance in the school; and
- (2) obtain or purchase the educational resources, goods, and services.

(b) Purchases and acquisitions under this section are subject to:

- (1) the general guidelines developed by the board; and
- (2) the school's budget.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.9.

IC 20-25-12-7

School budget allocations for noneducational goods and services

Sec. 7. Subject to the general guidelines developed by the board and after consulting with the school's teachers, each school's administrators may determine the:

- (1) sources of; and
- (2) part of;

the school's available budget allocated for noneducational goods and services.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.9.

IC 20-25-12-8

Excess general fund money; permissible uses

Sec. 8. (a) If, as a result of a school's efforts to incur less expense than was budgeted in a fiscal year, the school has excess general fund money after the school's expenses for the fiscal year are paid in full, the school retains control of the excess.

(b) The school shall use excess general fund money retained under this section during the following school year for:

- (1) professional development of the school's educators; and
 - (2) other classroom instructional purposes;
- under the general guidelines developed by the board.
- (c) The board may not consider a school's excess general fund money retained under this section when setting or approving the school's budget for subsequent years.
- As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.9.*