ORGANIZATION, PHILOSOPHY, AND GOALS

Philosophy and Goals

Accountability for Division Efficiency and Effectiveness

This policy supersedes Policy 1405.3.

I. PURPOSE

To state the School Board's commitment to accountability for programs, services, projects, initiatives, and strategic goals.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- A Philosophy section was added.
- An additional cross reference was added.

III. PHILOSOPHY

Fairfax County Public Schools recognizes that the responsible stewardship of public resources require ongoing, rigorous accountability for the programs, services, projects, initiatives, and strategic goals it undertakes on behalf of students, families, and the community. The Fairfax County School Board understands that accountability is not merely a compliance obligation but a core commitment to transparency, continuous improvement, and the effective and efficient use of the public resources.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Division Superintendent shall establish such regulations and procedures as may be needed to provide relevant and sufficient accountability information on division efforts and shall ensure that these regulations and procedures are implemented and maintained.

A. ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

Regulations and procedures for accountability shall require reporting at three levels from basic accountability (program description and allocation of funds) to comprehensive accountability (responsible use of funds, impacts, and continuous improvement).

1. **Level 1**: Basic accountability (Program Budget Book description) shall provide complete annual description of the goals, activities, and costs of programs and services, projects and initiatives.

2. **Level 2**: Strategic plan accountability shall provide annual reporting to the School Board and public on progress toward meeting strategic goals.

3. **Level 3**: Comprehensive accountability (research and evaluation studies) to inform policy and funding decisions for selected programs, services, projects, and initiatives. Studies shall provide comprehensive documentation on effectiveness and efficiency, as well as recommendations to continue, modify, or discontinue.

Cross References: See also the current version of
Policy 5110, Effective Management of Funds
Strategic Governance Manual

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