

**§ 143B-146.2. School-Based Management and Accountability Program in residential schools.**

(a) The Secretary, in consultation with the General Assembly and the State Board, may designate residential schools that must participate in the Program. The primary goal of the Program is to improve student performance. The Program is based upon an accountability, recognition, assistance, and intervention process in order to hold each participating school, its principal, and the instructional personnel accountable for improved student performance in that school.

(b) In order to support the participating schools in the implementation of this Program, the State Board, in consultation with the Secretary, shall adopt guidelines, including guidelines to:

- (1) Assist the Secretary and the participating schools in the development and implementation of the Program.
- (2) Recognize the participating schools that meet or exceed their goals.
- (3) Identify participating schools that are low-performing and assign assistance teams to those schools. The assistance teams should include individuals with expertise in residential schools, individuals with experience in the education of children with disabilities, and others the State Board, in consultation with the Secretary, considers appropriate.
- (4) Enable assistance teams to make appropriate recommendations.

(c) The Program shall provide increased decision making and parental involvement at the school level with the goal of improving student performance.

(d) Consistent with improving student performance, the Secretary shall provide maximum flexibility to participating schools in the use of funds to enable those schools to accomplish their goals. (1998-131, s. 5; 2001-424, s. 21.81(c); 2005-195, s. 2; 2013-247, s. 5; 2015-65, s. 1.4.)