



Strategic Plan Foundations

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Proposed Process and Timeline



Florida as National Leader

- The ALEC ranked Florida the second highest state in American education
- Education Week rated Florida as seventh in the nation in student achievement
- The National Council on Teacher Quality ranked Florida number one in teach quality policy
- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce rated Florida “A” for academic achievement for low income/minority students
- In 2013, Florida was the only state in the nation to narrow the achievement gap at both grades 4 and 8 in both reading and mathematics
- Florida had the largest percent of students in poverty scoring “proficient” or better on the NAEP fourth-grade reading exam in 2013
- Florida is second in the nation in the percent of students taking an AP exam
- Florida is third in the nation in the percent of students scoring level 3 or higher on AP exams
- The Florida College System is the top producer of associate degrees and certificates among SREB states
- The FCS and has the highest 3-year graduation rate of any SREB state
- Florida colleges are ranked the best nation with the 2015 Aspen Prize winner and runner-up

Statutory Foundations

- Section 1002.03, Florida Statutes
 - General content of strategic plan
 - General procedures for plan development
- Section 1008.31, Florida Statutes
 - Goals of Florida's Education System
 - Questions that should be answered for the public in relation to the system's mission and goals
 - Process for setting and qualities of state and sector-specific performance measures

Goals of the Education System

1. Highest student achievement, as indicated by evidence of student learning gains at all levels.
2. Seamless articulation and maximum access, as measured by evidence of progression, readiness, and access by targeted groups of students identified by the Commissioner of Education.
3. Skilled workforce and economic development, as measured by evidence of employment and earnings.
4. Quality efficient services, as measured by evidence of return on investment.

Measures of the Goals

State and sector-specific standards and measures must be:

1. Focused on student success
2. Addressable through policy and program changes
3. Efficient and of high quality
4. Measurable over time
5. Simple to explain and display to the public

Potential System Strategies to Meet System Goals

1. Implement high quality standards and assessments
2. Improve educator effectiveness
3. Incentivize institutions to provide opportunities
4. Improve accountability systems that promote institution improvements
5. Improve effectiveness of and opportunity for career preparation
6. Promote high quality educational choice
7. Strengthen stakeholder communication and partnerships
8. Increase the quality and efficiency of services

Overview of Proposed Timeline

- August Board Meeting: Board adopts the foundations for a revised strategic plan and the timeline
- Fall meetings: Identify possible system level and sector-specific metrics for each goal
- Spring meetings: Review possible methods of calculating metrics using sector data, draft targets
- Summer: Finalize targets and strategic plan



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