

LEARNING IMPROVEMENT TEAMS
(Site Councils)

Learning Improvement Teams

Student learning is at the core of the school district's mission. Since students' learning needs vary and learning is most successful in a highly supportive environment in which teachers, students, parents and others work closely and harmoniously together, it is essential to focus attention on plans for improving student learning at each school. In developing and implementing those plans school staff must work closely with parents, community members and, where appropriate, students.

Learning Improvement Team Responsibility

A Learning Improvement Team (LIT) shall be established and maintained at each school building in the district. The charge of each team is to develop a plan for its school by specifying the activities, necessary human and material resources and budget that will improve student learning in the school. The teams shall operate within the district's policies, unless waived by the board; budget parameters established by the board; and the requirements of contracts to which the district is a party and all other legal constraints. The teams' activities, decisions and recommendations shall be consistent with the district's strategic plan and shall contribute to achieving district goals.

Once a school's learning improvement plan has been approved by the board, the team shall meet at regular intervals to review progress toward the plan's goals, to develop actions and strategies which may contribute to the plan's success, and annually to evaluate and report to the board on the progress of the student learning improvement plan.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject the work of a team at any time.

Cross References: Board Policy 0510 Vision Statements

Legal References: RCW 28A.150.210 Basic Education Act--Goals
RCW 28A.300.130 Educational improvements and research--Center for the improvement of student learning--Clearinghouse for commission on student learning and for information regarding education restructuring and parental involvement programs

RCW 70.190.040 Finding--Grants to improve readiness to learn
WAC 180-18 Waivers for restructuring purposes