

ELLSWORTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**ACCOUNTABILITY–REPORTING TO THE PUBLIC**

The Ellsworth School Board is conscious of its responsibility for making informed decisions that will impact student learning and school system operations. As an elected body, the Board recognizes that it is accountable to the citizens of the school unit for its decisions and the educational achievement of its students. Basic to accountability is the reporting of information concerning student achievement and, in general, the operations of the schools.

The Board directs the Superintendent to prepare appropriate reports that will provide the Board with the information it needs to make appropriate policy and planning decisions and to keep the public informed regarding the academic progress of its students, the effectiveness of school programs, and the needs of the school system. As practicable, the Superintendent may combine such reports into a single document and/or presentation or use multiple reporting processes, depending upon the nature of the information. Such reports shall be made available to the public.

A. District Annual Report

Each year the Superintendent shall prepare and present to the Board an annual report addressing the activities of the school unit and his/her recommendation(s) for improving student learning and school system operations. The report shall be made available to the public as a means of informing parents and citizens of the school system's goals, plans, programs, and operations.

B. District Report Cards

In compliance with federal law and regulations and to provide relevant information concerning the academic performance of the school system and of its individual schools, the Superintendent shall be responsible for annually collecting and submitting required data and for preparing and making available to schools, the parents of children in those schools, and the public a "district report card" containing the information required by law.

C. Financial Reports

The Superintendent/designee shall provide to the Board monthly reports concerning the financial condition of the school system.

D. Other Reports

The Board may request and the Superintendent/designee shall provide to the Board and/or public other reports related to school system goals and objectives, the instructional program, and operations of the schools.

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Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. § 6311 (No Child Left Behind Act)
20-A M.R.S.A. §§ 4502(1), (6)
Ch. 125, 127 (Me. Dept. of Ed. Rules)

Cross Reference: ADF – School District Commitment to Learning Results
ILA – Student Assessment/Local Assessment System KDA
- Public Information Program

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