
Organization and Administration of Schools Rule 0520-01-02-.31

The Background:

T.C.A. § 49-1-302 requires the State Board to determine the ways and means of improving teacher, student, and school performances, and to set policies to accomplish such improvements. State Board Rule Chapter 0520-01-02 outlines various requirements for local boards of education regarding administration and operation of schools.

When the District and School Operations rule 0520-01-02 and the Academic and Instructional Requirements rule 0520-01-03 were re-organized and re-named in 2020 as part of the Board's comprehensive rule and policy audit process, the requirement for local boards of education to develop a five-year strategic plan was inadvertently removed from the rules.

This item proposes to add this language back into rule requiring local boards of education to develop a five-year strategic plan and a district-level improvement plan that operationalizes the goals contained in the strategic plan, in accordance with the State Board's District and School Improvement Planning Policy.

A rulemaking hearing was held by State Board staff on September 16, 2021. No comments were offered at the hearing or in writing.

Changes were made between first and final reading to address suggestions from Board members made at the July 23, 2021 Board meeting and feedback from the Tennessee School Boards Association. These changes include:

- Adding a requirement that LEAs post their strategic plan to the LEA website.
- Clarifying that the strategic plan must identify how it supports one or more goals contained in the State Board of Education Master Plan.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends approval of this item on final reading.