

ASSISTANCE *plus*

2004-2005

The Assistance Plus District Action Plan for 2004-2005 directs districts to take the responsibility for providing quality instructors and resources to the schools in most need and develop policies that put an end to social promotion.

Governing Principles

- The District shall be held accountable for providing necessary resources to have all students performing at acceptable levels.
- The State shall provide expectations and necessary resources to enable districts to have all students performing at acceptable levels.
- The State Board of Education shall be prepared to take action in the event that districts are unsuccessful at having all students performing at acceptable levels.

State Board of Education

(Sec. 1008.33 (2), F.S.)

The State Board may recommend one or more of the following actions...:

- (a) Provide additional resources, change certain practices, and provide additional assistance....
- (b) Implement a plan to resolve equity issues
- (c) Contract for educational services or reorganize...
- (d) School Choice
- (e) Other appropriate action

State Board of Education

(Sec. 1008.33 (2)(a), F.S.)

Actions

2003-2004

(a) Provided additional resources and additional assistance

- Dedicated school improvement facilitators
- Reading and Mathematics coaches
- School improvement resources
- Technology support
- Partnership with College Board
- Mentors through Governor's mentoring initiative

State Board of Education

(Sec. 1008.33 (2)(a), F.S.)

Actions

2003-2004

(b) Implemented a plan to resolve equity issues

- Community Oversight Boards
- Research-based school improvement model – the Continuous Improvement Model (CIM)
- Intensive tutorials during regular school hours

(c) Contracted for educational services

- Professional development in the CIM
- Mentor Principal for Miami-Dade high schools

State Board of Education

(Sec. 1008.33 (2)(c) & (d), F.S.)

Actions

2003-2004

(d) Implemented School Choice

- Opportunity Scholarships
- NCLB school choice

(e) Other appropriate action

- Reporting of student progress
- School Match
- Scheduled conversations between District Superintendents and the Commissioner and Principals and the Department to keep updated on issues and concerns

District School Board

(Sec. 1001.42 (16)(a), F.S.)

Requirements

2003-2004

- Approved School Improvement Plans
- Assistance and Intervention
- Opportunity Scholarships
- Authority to Declare and Emergency

2003-2004 Results

35 Schools Identified as F

- 5 schools closed
- 7 – C; all elementary
- 8 – D; 5 elementary, 3 high school
- 11 – Repeating F; 3 elementary, 1 middle, 1 combination, 6 high school; 4 charters
- 4 – No Grade, 1 alternative, 3 charters

2003-2004 F School Improvement

Average Gains

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>±</u>
Average Points	249	301	51

Repeating F High School Improvement

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>±</u>
B. T. Washington High	255	289	34
Miami Northwestern	278	306	28
Miami Jackson High	259	270	11
Miami Edison High	208	259	51
Jean Ribault High	270	270	0
Jones High	247	271	24

What Principals shared was most successful:

- Implementation of the Continuous Improvement Model (CIM)
- Reading and mathematics coaches
- Intensive tutorials during school hours
- Double dose of reading and/or mathematics for level 1 students
- Contracted principal mentor

What Principals shared was
most needed:

An incentives system to obtain
and retain high quality staff.

Continue All Requirements of 2003-2004

New for 2004-2005

- Declare an Emergency!
- District required compliance
- Special budget category for F schools
- Policies to end social promotion
- Individual Student Success Plans
- Closing repeating F Charter Schools

New for 2004-2005

Declare an Emergency!

Although provided in Florida Statute, districts have not taken advantage of, implemented in a timely manner, or implemented completely the declaration of an emergency to restaff failing schools with high quality instructors. Districts shall begin this process today and have quality staff in place by the first day of school.

New for 2004-2005

District Required Compliance

Districts shall submit to the State Board of Education written agreement to comply with the Action Plan by July 15.

New for 2004-2005

Special Budget Category for F Schools

District School Boards shall adopt a district budget that includes a special category to support school improvement efforts at F schools. Additionally, state appropriated Supplemental Academic Instruction categorical funds shall be prioritized to serve students at these schools.

New for 2004-2005

Policies to End Social Promotion

Although the State Legislature has provided direction to end social promotion at the third and high school levels, level 1 students continue to be promoted at other grade levels. Districts shall put into place policies that deter social promotion at all levels.

New for 2004-2005

Individual Student Success Plans

Each student shall take an active part in contributing to the success of his/her future. School staff, parents, and students shall agree on individual success plans, written as contracts to facilitate promotion to the next school level.

New for 2004-2005

Closing Repeating F Charter Schools

Charter schools are one very important school choice for Florida parents and students. It is our responsibility to monitor the quality of education being provided at these schools. Districts shall take emergency action to close charter schools that continue to fail.

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