

STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS GUIDELINES

Schoolwide programs have great latitude to determine how to organize their operations and allocate the multiple funding sources available to them. They do not have to identify particular children as eligible for services or separately track federal dollars. Instead, Schoolwide programs can use all allocated funds to increase the amount and quality of learning time. In this way, they can embrace a high-quality curriculum, according to a comprehensive plan that ensures all children meet the state's challenging academic standards.

Schoolwide programs serve all children in a school. All staff, resources, and classes are part of the overall Schoolwide program. The purpose is to generate high levels of academic achievement in core subject areas for all students, especially those students most in need. This purpose is achieved through:

- High quality instruction
- Comprehensive reform strategies and methods that are based on the use of scientifically based research
- Strategies and methods to improve teacher quality and professional development
- Consolidated use of funds

Program Components

A Stoughton Public Schools schoolwide program plan must contain each of the following ten components (if applicable) as well as related measurable goals and strategies for implementation:

1. A comprehensive needs assessment of the entire school (including the needs of migrant children as defined in Section 1306) with information about the academic achievement of children in relation to the Massachusetts Frameworks must occur.
2. Schoolwide reform strategies that:
 - a. Provide opportunities for all children to meet the state's proficient and advanced levels of student academic achievement.
 - b. Use effective methods and instructional strategies based on scientific research that:
 - Strengthen the core academic program in the school.
 - Increase the amount and quality of learning time, before-and after-school and summer programs opportunities, and a rich and accelerated curriculum.
 - Include strategies for meeting the educational needs of historically underserved populations.
 - c. Address the needs of all children in the school, especially those of low achieving children and those at risk of not meeting the state academic content standards

who are members of a population targeted by the schoolwide program. The services of such a program might include:

- Counseling, pupil services, and mentoring services.
 - College and career awareness and preparation, such as college and career guidance, personal finance education, and innovative teaching methods, which may include applied learning and team-teaching strategies.
 - The integration of vocational and technical education programs.
- d. Address how the school will determine if such needs have been met.
 - e. Are consistent with the state plan and any local improvement plans.
3. Instruction by highly-qualified teachers.
 4. High-quality and on-going professional development for teachers, principals, and paraprofessionals and, if appropriate, pupil services personnel, parents, and other staff to enable all children in the school to meet the state academic content standards.
 5. Strategies to attract highly-qualified teachers to high-need schools.
 6. Strategies to increase parental involvement through means such as family literacy services.
 7. Plans for assisting preschool children in the transition from early childhood programs, such as Head Start, Even Start, Early Reading First, or a public school preschool program to local elementary school programs.
 8. Measures to include teachers in decisions regarding the use of academic assessments to provide information on, and to improve, the achievement of individual students and the overall instructional program.
 9. Effective, timely assistance of interventions for students who experience difficulty in attaining the proficient or advanced level of the academic content standards. Students' difficulties must be identified in a timely way and in such a way as to provide information on which to base effective assistance of interventions.
 10. Coordination and integration of federal, state, and local resources, services and programs, including programs supported under NCLB, violence prevention programs, nutrition programs, housing programs, Head Start, adult education, vocational and technical education, and job training.