

Accountability

Governor Musgrove also signed SB 2488, the 2000 Educational Accountability Bill, which provides for schools to be evaluated based on: 1) students achieving a grade-level proficiency or, 2) students exceeding an annual growth expectation in the number of students not testing at grade-level proficiency, but who are showing improvement. Schools not meeting established growth expectations or grade-level proficiency standards will be designated Priority Schools. 7-member evaluation teams (appointed by the State Superintendent and approved by the State Board of Education) will be sent to these Priority Schools to identify personnel in need of professional development and to assist in the development and evaluation of improvement plans for the school. Identified personnel will be given two years to improve and may be dismissed after two years if improvement is not made.