

**160-7-1-.01 SINGLE STATEWIDE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.**

(1) The State Board of Education shall approve a Single Statewide Accountability System, with awards and consequences, as defined in this chapter and consistent with state and federal law.

(2) The Single Statewide Accountability System shall include an annual Accountability Profile for every public school and Local Educational Agency (LEA) in the state. The Accountability Profile shall have three components: an absolute performance determination that shall be based on Adequate Yearly Progress, a Performance Index determination that shall be based on progress over the previous year's performance, and Performance Highlights that will provide additional information including recognition for each school and LEA based on academic-related indicators. The components of the Accountability Profile will be included in the State Report Card prepared and distributed annually by the Office of Student Achievement.

(3) The purpose of the Single Statewide Accountability System includes, but it is not limited to, providing valid, reliable accountability determinations at the school, LEA, and state levels that can help promote continuous improvement in raising student achievement and closing achievement gaps.

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