

Instruction--Elementary and Secondary**CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT--RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRINCIPAL**

The duties of the principal as prescribed in Florida Statutes are as follows:

231.085 Duties of Principals. -- A district school board shall employ, through written contract, public school principals who shall supervise the operation and management of the schools and property as the board determines necessary.

Each principal shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the superintendent pursuant to the rules of the school board. Such rules shall include, but not be limited to, rules relating to administrative responsibility, instructional leadership of the educational program of the school to which the principal is assigned, submission of personnel recommendations to the superintendent, administrative responsibility for records and reports, and student suspension. Each principal shall provide leadership in the development or revision and implementation of a school improvement plan pursuant to s. 230.23(18).

Experimentation

Experimentation is one important means by which ways are found to improve the program of instruction. All programs would stop if everyone waited until all of the answers were known before undertaking new procedures.

The type of experimentation referred to in this section covers special grouping by classes (not within classes), substitution of non-State-adopted material for classroom instruction, and experimentation involving control and experimental groups.

The initiation, planning, and evaluation of an experiment often requires the coordinated efforts of administrators, directors, supervisors, consultants, and other related personnel. If a principal and faculty are interested in experimentation, the written approval of the Region Superintendent and the Deputy Superintendent, School Operations should be secured. A brief written statement should be submitted to the Deputy Superintendent, Office of Instructional Leadership, and should outline:

1. The problem to be investigated;
2. Procedures of investigation;
3. Methods of evaluation.

The Deputy Superintendent, Office of Instructional Leadership shall then assume the responsibility for securing any needed assistance from directors, supervisors or consultants which may be required by the experiment. This procedure applies only to experimentation by personnel within the school system in developing aspects of the instructional program.

A request for experimentation from people outside the public school system, or from persons seeking university degrees, must be submitted to the Research Review Committee.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 230.23(18); 231.085 F.S

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