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North Carolina's strategic plan for excellent schools is centered around the ABCs of Public Education. This education reform initiative is based on school accountability; an emphasis on the basics of reading, writing and math; and maximum local control. Through the ABCs Plus, the State Board of Education and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction are organizing their work around the priorities listed here. The priorities are issues that North Carolina citizens and business leaders have identified as important.

The ABCs Plus

North Carolina's Strategic Plan for Excellent Schools

Mission

North Carolina's public schools will create a system that will be customer-driven with local flexibility to achieve mastery of core skills with high levels of accountability in areas of student achievement.

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Strategic Priority: High Student Performance

- Every child ready for school
- Rigorous and relevant academic standards and assessment systems for every student
- Every student masters essential knowledge and skills
- Every student graduates from high school
- Every student a life long learner and ready for work

Strategic Priority: Healthy Students in Safe, Orderly, and Caring Schools

- Learning environments inviting and supportive of high student performance
- Schools free of controlled and illegal substances and all harmful behavior
- Mutual respect of students, teachers, administrators, and parents
- Adequate, safe education facilities that support high student performance

Strategic Priority: Quality Teachers, Administrators, and Staff

- Professional preparation aligned with state priorities
- A system to develop, train, and license a BK professional staff for public schools
- A system to recruit, retain, and compensate a diverse corps of quality teachers, administrators, and staff
- A system of continuous learning and professional development to support high performance of all employees
- High ethical and professional standards for all employees

Strategic Priority: Strong Family, Community, and Business Support

- State education priorities responsive to the needs of the family, community, and business customers
- A comprehensive and aligned system of support for the academic success and general well-being of all children that promotes:
 - Meaningful involvement in schools,
 - Interagency collaboration for health, nutrition, and social services, and
 - State and local partnerships
- A system to build the capacity of local districts to create, respond to and sustain meaningful partnerships

Strategic Priority: Effective and Efficient Operations

- Components of the education system aligned to achieve high performance
- Decision making authority and control at the most appropriate level closest to the classroom
- Information and accountability systems capable of reporting strategic and operational results
- A funding system that provides adequate and aligned financial and personnel resources to maximize educational achievement