



School Standards and Framework Act 1998

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PART I

MEASURES TO RAISE STANDARDS OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

CHAPTER II

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITIES

Education development plans

6 Preparation of education development plans

- (1) Every local education authority shall prepare an education development plan for their area, and shall prepare further such plans at such intervals as may be determined by or in accordance with regulations.
- (2) An education development plan shall consist of—
 - (a) a statement of proposals, which sets out proposals by the authority for developing their provision of education for children in their area, whether by—
 - (i) raising the standards of education provided for such children (whether at schools maintained by the authority or otherwise than at school), or
 - (ii) improving the performance of such schools,or otherwise; and
 - (b) annexes to that statement.
- (3) In subsection (2) “children” means—
 - (a) persons of compulsory school age (whether at school or otherwise), or

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- (b) persons of any age above or below that age who are registered as pupils at schools maintained by the authority.
- (4) The statement of proposals must—
 - (a) deal with such matters, and relate to such period, as may be determined by or in accordance with regulations, and
 - (b) be approved by the Secretary of State under section 7.
- (5) The annexes to the statement—
 - (a) must contain such material as may be prescribed; and
 - (b) may contain such other material as the authority consider relevant to their proposals as set out in the statement.
- (6) In preparing an education development plan the authority shall have regard, in particular, to the education of children (within the meaning of subsection (2)) who have special educational needs.
- (7) In the course of preparing an education development plan the authority shall consult—
 - (a) the governing body and head teacher of every school maintained by the authority;
 - (b) the appropriate diocesan authority for any foundation or voluntary school in their area which is a Church of England, Church in Wales or Roman Catholic Church school; and
 - (c) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (8) In its operation at any time before the appointed day (as defined by section 20(7)), subsection (7)(a) above shall be read as referring also to the governing body of every grant-maintained or grant-maintained special school situated in the authority's area.
- (9) In performing their functions under this section the authority shall have regard to any guidance given from time to time by the Secretary of State.