

EVALUATING AND CLASSIFYING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- 1.0 Schools are classified for at least four purposes:
 - 1.1 To meet the requirement established by law: School laws of West Virginia, 18-3-11 Classification of Schools. "The State Superintendent shall classify all elementary and secondary schools on the basis of standards, rules and regulations established by the State Board after publishing such standards, rules and regulations, and forwarding them to the district boards of education, county superintendent, and other school officers. (1967, 0.60.)
 - 1.2 To determine the effectiveness of the schools' programs in fulfilling the desires, abilities, and needs of its pupils.
 - 1.3 To provide the schools' staffs evidence of and direction for program changes which, through study and planning, they must make to keep them current and maximally effective.
 - 1.4 To give credit to those persons who have given the time and effort necessary to provide a program which meets with satisfaction the needs and expectations of the pupils.
- 2.0 Form EC-1 (Revised 10-1-69) is designed to provide direction for and measurement of programs, which effect favorable behavioral change in pupils according to their needs and abilities.
 - 2.1 The programs which the schools make available in the instructional and service areas must be designed to fulfill the needs and aspirations of their pupils.
 - 2.2 The evaluation as to how fully the programs are meeting these requirements will measure the effectiveness of the programs. The degree of effectiveness will provide clues and direction for those program changes, which need to be made. Each item on the Form must be critically evaluated to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the total program.
 - 2.2.1 The responsibility for the evaluation and classification of the elementary schools is incumbent upon the county superintendent of schools, his central office staff, and the staff of the individual schools.
 - 2.2.2 All schools are expected to continuously evaluate their program in an effort to progress toward improving their classification.
 - 2.3 Schools are to be evaluated for classification on the basis of two sets of criteria, quantitative and qualitative.

3.0 The schools will be classified as:

3.1 FIRST CLASS

3.1.1 First class schools are to be reclassified at three-year intervals

3.2 SECOND CLASS

3.2.1 Second class schools are to be reclassified at three-year intervals

3.3 UNCLASSIFIED

3.3.1 Unclassified schools will have an annual evaluation.

Source: Standards for Classification of elementary Schools, West Virginia State Department of Education, Charleston.

Legal Reference: School Laws of West Virginia, 18-3-11