

Education Renewal Zone Goals

Act 106 of 2003 requires that each ERZ strategically plans implementation of the following:

- Provide collaboration between and among the Higher Education Institution partners, Education Service Cooperatives, schools, and communities participating in the Education Renewal Zone, including within the academic departments within the Higher Education Institution partners.
- Provide for a comprehensive program of professional development to assure the practical knowledge base of pre-service and in-service teachers with respect to pedagogical practice, content knowledge, and competent use of distance learning technology.
- Serve as a resource for schools to provide enhancement and expansion of local school curricula offerings through the use of two-way interactive television to include advanced placement, dual-credit, and advanced high school courses.
- Support the sharing of faculty for core course offerings when schools are unable to hire highly-qualified teachers in core subject areas required for college entrance or teachers necessary to meet state accreditation standards.
- Collaborate with schools to develop strategies to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers with particular focus on hard-to-staff schools.
- Support a system for mentoring teachers with three (3) or fewer years of professional service.
- Support active participation of the community in the work of the school.
- Support active involvement of parents in the academic work of the student.