

281—19.3(256,279) Grade realignments. When making a decision regarding a realignment of the grades to be taught in an attendance center within its district, the board of directors of a school district shall substantially comply with all of the following steps.

19.3(1) The board and groups and individuals selected by the board shall carry out sufficient research, study and planning. The research, study and planning shall include consideration of, at a minimum, student enrollment statistics, transportation costs, financial gains and losses, program offerings, plant facilities, and staff assignment.

19.3(2) The board shall post or cause to be posted the grade realignment proposal in a prominent place at the affected attendance center(s). The board shall also publish the grade realignment proposal in the agenda of an upcoming board meeting open to the public.

19.3(3) The board shall promote open and frank public discussion of the facts and issues involved.

19.3(4) The board shall make its final decision in an open meeting with a record made thereof.