**24:43:02:03.  Eligibility for state accreditation -- Compliance with regulations and district improvement plan.** To be eligible for state accreditation, the school board of a public school district, or of a nonpublic school seeking accreditation, shall:

 (1)  Submit annual regulatory reports and assurances as required by the Department of Education, and in compliance with timelines set and made known by the department; and

 (2)  Establish, implement, and annually review an approved five-year district improvement plan. The contents and format of a public school district, or a nonpublic school, improvement plan, and the timelines for submission, shall be specified and made known by the Department of Education, and shall include all schools, attendance centers, and programs in the public school district or nonpublic school that are registered with the department and counted in the public school district or nonpublic school's annual ADM calculations.

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