

Chapter 6 Rules Revision

Statement of Reasons

The Chapter 6 District and School Accreditation rules were most recently revised in 2018. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the accountability system necessitates a change to Section 7 of the Chapter 6 rules regarding School Accreditation Status. In March 2020, the United States Department of Education waived statewide assessment requirements and in May 2020, the Wyoming State Board of Education granted exceptions to state accountability requirements for the 2019-20 school year. The current rules direct the State Board of Education to lower the accreditation status of schools whose school performance rating is not meeting expectations for three consecutive years with the 2018-19 results as the baseline year. The changes to Section 7 ensure that schools are not negatively impacted in 2021 due to schools holding the same school performance rating received for the 2018-19 school year.

A significant addition to the Chapter 6 rules is the addition of “Section 8. Institutional School Accreditation.” This addition will allow the elimination of the Chapter 26 Rules for Institutional School Accreditation.

Other modifications were made throughout Chapter 6 to clarify ambiguities, reduce redundancy, and to reflect current WDE processes.