



Council for Lifelong Learning
**Council for Education Policy
Research and Improvement**

**Fact
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<p>1. What is the Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement?</p>	<p>The Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement (Council) serves as a citizen board for independent policy research and analysis. The Council was created by the 2001 Legislature to conduct and review education research, provide independent analysis on education progress, and provide independent evaluation of education issues of statewide concern.</p>
<p>2. Who are the members of the Council?</p>	<p>The Council is composed of five members appointed by the Governor, two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and two members appointed by the President of the Senate. Each member serves a 6-year term. Members may not include elected officials or employees of public or independent education entities.</p>
<p>3. What are the specific duties and powers of the Council?</p>	<p>The Council must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• provide state policymakers, educators, and the public with objective and timely information;• explore national and state emerging educational issues and examine how these issues should be addressed by education institutions in Florida;• prepare and submit to the Florida Board of Education (FBOE) a long-range master plan for education.• prepare and submit for approval by the FBOE a long-range performance plan for K-20 education in Florida, and annually review and recommend improvement in the implementation of the plan.• annually report on the progress of public schools and postsecondary education institutions toward meeting statutorily-defined educational goals and standards;• recommend new initiatives, revisions, legislation and rules for the educational accountability system;• provide information on the K-20 education accountability system;• evaluate issues pertaining to student learning gains; and• review and make recommendations regarding the activities of research centers and institutes supported with state funds

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4. What are the applicable statutes and rules?	Section 229.0031, F.S. -- Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement
5. Where can I get additional information?	Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement (850) 488-7894 www.cepri.state.fl.us The Florida House of Representatives Committee on Colleges & Universities (850) 488-3711