

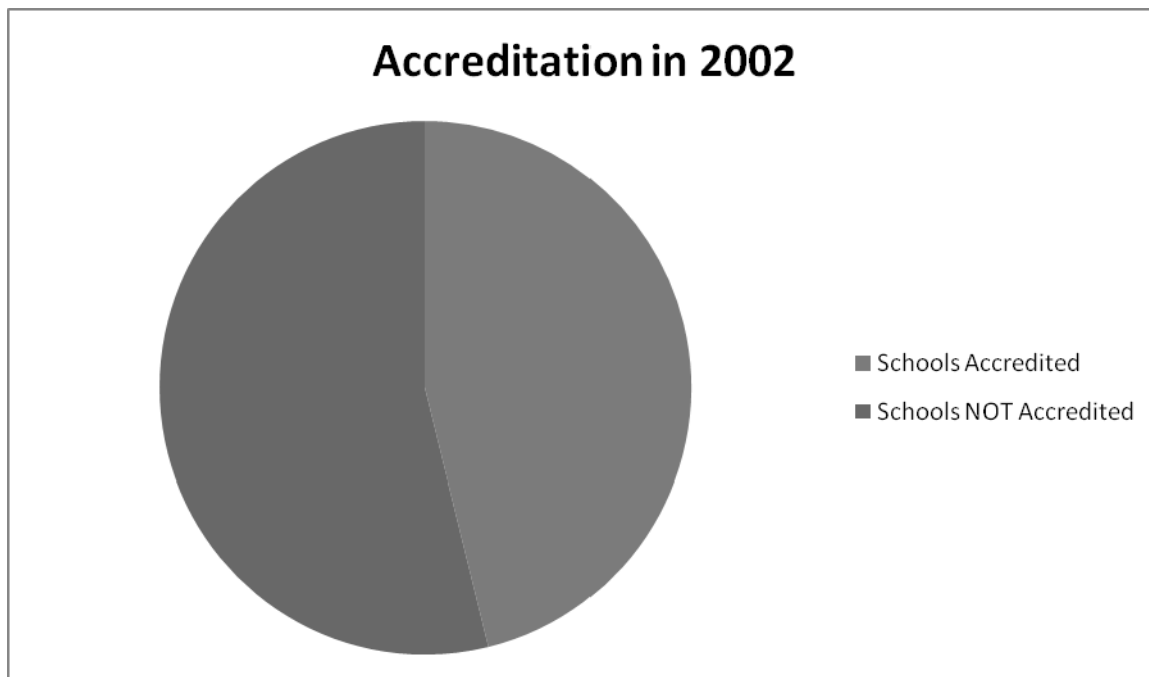
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Starting in 2002, with *No Child Left Behind* legislation in its infancy, Lee County Public Schools in Virginia found itself falling short of the state's guidelines. Of the districts' 13 schools, only six met the state's minimum pass rate requirements.

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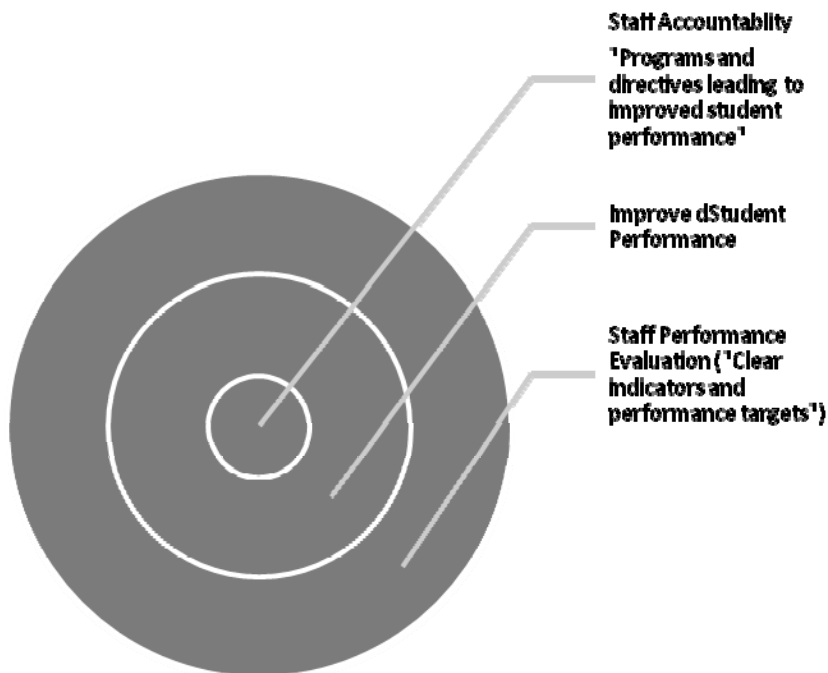
By 2003, Lee County had caught the attention of the State Board of Education. The Board focused on improvements in classroom instruction and sharing Best Practices across the district. State assistance teams told Lee County administrators that teachers needed to work on teaching strategies, learn research-based strategies and incorporate them in their classrooms. This included the use of technology as a classroom teaching resource.

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In 2004, Lee County was given a choice: submit to a State Takeover, or adopt a Corrective Action Plan. They chose the Corrective Action Plan and selected QTL to help them improve student achievement at all Lee County schools.



In January 2005, all but one of Lee County's schools began sending teams of teachers through the QTL program, aimed at improving classroom instructional strategies. By May 2005, every school in Lee County was accredited except the one that chose not to send its teachers through the QTL program. That summer the remaining school sent its teachers through QTL, and by May 2006 every school in Lee County was accredited and all met at least minimum pass rate standards for end-of-course tests.