

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Continuing curriculum study and development are necessary in order to ensure that the District meets the needs of the students in its schools.

Curriculum planning should be based on the educational philosophy and goals approved by the Board. Specific objectives are developed by the staff and input from parents, community members and other stakeholders is considered by the Board. Such planning must also take into consideration the legal requirements for students in basic subjects.

To ensure improved instruction as a result of curriculum changes, there must be close coordination between new curriculum development and current instruction - program and process - and their evaluation. There must be coordination across subject areas and articulation of programs between grade levels. Implementation of new, revised curriculum must be closely coordinated with staff development programs.

The Superintendent or his/her designee will be responsible for authorizing curriculum studies and for establishing curriculum councils and advisory committees as needed.

The Board expects all professional staff to work together in evaluating the educational program and recommending additions and changes in courses, programs and instructional approaches. All staff members have a professional obligation to the educational program, including responsibility for working on curriculum committees. It is expected that the professional staff will have an active role in curriculum development.

The Superintendent will provide the Board with reports on the curriculum and on the work of curriculum committees and recommends courses and programs for adoption by the Board.

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CROSS REFS.: ABA, Community Involvement in Decision Making (Also KC)
ABB, Staff Involvement in Decision Making (Also GBB)
AFI, Evaluation of Educational Resources
BCF, Advisory Committees to the Board

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