

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

The board recognizes its responsibility for the improvement and growth of the educational program of the schools. To this end, the curriculum shall be aligned with the Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EARLs), adapted and developed on a continuing basis and in accordance with a plan for curriculum growth.

A course of study that is offered to students shall include a description of:

1. objectives to be achieved by students,
2. instructional resources to be used to reach the objectives,
3. procedures to be used to evaluate student achievement, and
4. the relationship of the course to other courses offered within the school and district.

In addition, any proposal for a new course of study must include estimated start-up costs and projected annual costs. All new courses or major modifications to existing courses must be approved by the Curriculum and Staff Development Council and the superintendent prior to implementation. The superintendent, in turn, shall inform the board before the new course or major revision to an existing course is implemented.

The superintendent shall establish procedures for curriculum development which provide for involvement of community representatives and staff members at appropriate times, the annual review of selected areas on a cyclical basis, and any suggested changes that should be made as a result of the curriculum study. Such review shall take place at least once during the curriculum revision cycle.

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