BOARD POLICY

105 Curriculum

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Purpose

The Board recognizes its responsibility for the development, assessment and improvement of the educational program of the schools. To this end, the curriculum shall be evaluated, developed and modified on a continuing basis and in accordance with a plan for curriculum improvement.[1]

Definition

For purposes of this policy, **curriculum** shall be defined as a series of planned instruction aligned with established academic standards in each subject that is coordinated, articulated and implemented in a manner designed to result in the achievement of academic standards at the proficient level by all students.[2] [3] **[4]**

Authority

The Board shall be responsible for the curriculum of the district's schools. The curriculum shall be designed to provide students the opportunity to achieve the academic standards established by the Board. Attaining the academic standards requires students to demonstrate the acquisition and application of knowledge.[1] [2] **[4]**

In order to provide a quality educational program for district students, the Board shall adopt a curriculum plan that includes the requirements for courses to be taught; subjects to be taught in the English language; courses adapted to the age, development and needs of students; and strategies for assisting those students having difficulty attaining the academic standards.[1] [2] [5] [6] **[7] [8]**

Special Instruction/Observances

The district's curriculum plan must also include provisions for special instruction and observances to comply with state and federal law including, but not limited to, Constitution Day (September 17) and Citizenship Day (September 17), Arbor Day (last Friday in April) and the Bill of Rights Week (the week of December 15).[9][10] [11]

Guidelines

The district's curriculum shall provide the following:

1. Continuous learning through effective collaboration among the schools of this district.
2. Continuous access for all students to sufficient programs and a library/media facility and classroom collection to support the educational program. **[12]**
3. Guidance and counseling for all students to assist in career and academic planning. **[13]**
4. A continuum of educational programs and services for all students with disabilities, pursuant to law and regulation. **[14]**
5. Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learner students, pursuant to law, regulation and Board policy.[15] **[16]**
6. Compensatory education programs for students, pursuant to law and regulation.
7. Equal educational opportunity for all students, pursuant to law and regulation. **[17] [18]**
8. Career awareness and vocational education, pursuant to law and regulation. **[19]**
9. Educational opportunities for identified gifted students, pursuant to law and regulation. **[20]**

10. Regular and continuous instruction in required safety procedures. [21]

Delegation of Responsibility

As educational leader of the district, the Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to the Board for the district's curriculum. The Superintendent shall establish procedures for curriculum development, evaluation and modification, which ensure the utilization of available resources, and effective participation of administrators and teaching staff members. [1]

A listing of all curriculum materials shall be made available for the information of parents/guardians, students, staff and Board members. [1] [22]

With prior Board approval, the Superintendent may conduct pilot programs as deemed necessary to the continuing improvement of the instructional program.

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on the status of each pilot program, along with its objectives, evaluative criteria, and costs.

The Board encourages, where it is feasible and in the best interest of district students, participation in state-initiated pilot programs of educational research.

The Board directs the Superintendent to actively pursue state and federal aid in support of research activities.

Legal Footnotes

[1] 22 PA Code 4.4
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] 22 PA Code 4.12
LEGAL REFERENCE

[3] 22 PA Code 4.3
LEGAL REFERENCE

[4] Pol. 102 — Academic Standards (formerly Educational Goals)
POLICY REFERENCE

[5] 24 P.S. 1511
LEGAL REFERENCE

[6] 24 P.S. 1512
LEGAL REFERENCE

[7] **Pol. 107 — Adoption of Planned Instruction**
POLICY REFERENCE

[8] **Pol. 127 — Assessment System**
POLICY REFERENCE

[9] **36 U.S.C. 106**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[10] **P.L. 108-447**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[11] **24 P.S. 1541-1555**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[12] **Pol. 109 — Resource Materials**
POLICY REFERENCE

[13] **Pol. 112 — Guidance Counseling**
POLICY REFERENCE

[14] **Pol. 113 — Special Education**
POLICY REFERENCE

[15] **22 PA Code 4.26**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[16] **Pol. 138 — Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners**
POLICY REFERENCE

[17] **Pol. 103 — Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students**
POLICY REFERENCE

[18] **Pol. 103.1 — Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students With Disabilities**
POLICY REFERENCE

[19] **Pol. 115 — Career and Technical Education**
POLICY REFERENCE

[20] **Pol. 114 — Gifted Education**
POLICY REFERENCE

[21] **Pol. 805 — Emergency Preparedness and Response**
POLICY REFERENCE

[22] **Pol. 105.1 — Review of Instructional Materials by Parents/Guardians and Students**
POLICY REFERENCE

Legal References

No additional references listed.