

Instruction

SUBJECT: CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, RESOURCES, AND EVALUATION

The Board supports and encourages development of a District-wide, articulated, consistent curriculum that conforms to state mandates and is responsive to the needs of children in a rapidly changing society. In order to help our students achieve success, the District will ensure that all curriculum is aligned with New York State learning standards and that approved evidence based curriculum is taught in every classroom.

The building principals will be responsible to the Superintendent or designee for developing District-wide efforts toward the short and long-range improvement of common, consistent curriculum and instruction.

Curriculum Resources

There are many resources for curriculum development that exist in our District, and the instructional staff, under the guidance of the administration, is expected to consider those resources for possible improvement of the instructional program. Each teacher has the privilege of being an initiator of improvement, as well as a reactor to changing conditions, and the principals will be involved in curriculum development.

The Superintendent or designee may appoint staff members to curriculum study committees and their findings, as well as the collective judgments of the staff about possible changes, will be submitted by the Superintendent to the Board for consideration in the forming of curriculum policy.

Curriculum Evaluation

The Board will direct a continuing evaluation of the curriculum as part of a program of instructional improvement, in accordance with current research and educational standards. All aspects of the curriculum will be subjected to a searching and critical analysis in an attempt to improve the learning and growth of students.

The administrative staff will evaluate the curriculum in a systematic manner involving school personnel and others as appropriate and make periodic recommendations for action by the Board. The Board may invite teachers or others to discuss the curriculum.

Evaluation of the Instructional Program

The Board expects staff members to maintain a continual program of evaluation at every level to determine the extent of progress toward proportionate student success outcomes. The Board will periodically request the Superintendent to present factual information that it considers necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the District.

Education Law §§ 1604, 1709, 2503, and 3204

8 NYCRR § 100.2(m)

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