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]

DEFINTION

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][3] [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][3][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 and Citizenship Day, Arbor Day and the Bill of Rights Week.[20][21][22]

GUIDELINES

The district's curriculum shall provide the following:

1. Continuous learning through effective collaboration among the schools of this district.

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2. Continuous access for all students to sufficient programs and services of a library/media facility and classroom collection to support the educational program. [9]
3. Guidance and counseling services for all students to assist in career and academic planning.[23]
4. A continuum of educational programs and services for all students with disabilities, pursuant to law and regulation. [11]
5. Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learner students, pursuant to law, and regulation and Board policy.[12] [13]
6. Compensatory education programs for students, pursuant to law and regulation.
7. Equal educational opportunity for all students, pursuant to law and regulation. [14][15]
8. Career awareness and vocational education, pursuant to law and regulation. [16]
9. Educational opportunities for identified gifted students, pursuant to law and regulation. [17]

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

As the educational leader of the district, the Superintendent 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.

A listing of all curriculum materials shall be made available for the information of parents/guardians, students, staff and Board members.[1] [19]

With prior Board approval, the Superintendent may conduct pilot programs as deemed necessary to the continuing improvement of the instructional program. The Superintendent shall report periodically 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 pursue actively state and federal aid in support of research activities.

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Legal Footnotes

[1] 22 PA Code 4.4
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] 22 PA Code 4.3
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[3] 22 PA Code 4.12
LEGAL REFERENCE

[4] Pol. 102 — Academic Standards
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] Pol. 109 — Resource Materials
POLICY REFERENCE

[11] Pol. 113 — Special Education
POLICY REFERENCE

[12] 22 PA Code 4.26
LEGAL REFERENCE

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

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

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

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

[17] Pol. 114 — Gifted Education
POLICY REFERENCE

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

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

[20] 24 P.S. 1541-1555
LEGAL REFERENCE

[21] 36 U.S.C. 106
LEGAL REFERENCE

[22] P.L. 108-447 — P.L. 108-447
LEGAL REFERENCE

[23] Pol. 112 — School Counseling
POLICY REFERENCE

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Legal References

No additional references listed.