

INSTRUCTION

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Adoption

The School Board is responsible for curriculum adoption and must approve all significant changes, including the adoption of new textbooks and new courses, before such changes are made.

The Superintendent, or designee, at the direction of the Superintendent, shall present to the Board of Education all significant curriculum changes as recommended by curriculum committees.

Design and Content

The curriculum shall be designed to accomplish the learning standards and goals for excellence established by the District in alignment with the Illinois State Board of Education Learning Standards.

Development

The Superintendent, or designee at the direction of the Superintendent, shall implement a curriculum development program to monitor the current curriculum and suggest changes to make the curriculum more effective, to take advantage of improved teaching methods and materials, and to be responsive to social change, technological developments, the rapid expansion of knowledge, student needs, and community expectations.

The Superintendent may establish curriculum committees to assist in the curriculum development program.

Experimental Educational Programs and Pilot Projects

The School Board, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, may approve experimental educational programs and/or pilot projects. Proposals must include goals, material needs, anticipated expenses, and an evaluation process. The Superintendent shall submit periodic progress reports for programs that exceed one year in duration and a final evaluation. The final evaluation shall include a recommendation regarding inclusion of the experimental educational project into the District's curriculum. Parents should be provided the opportunity to exclude their child(ren) from pilot projects when possible.

Curriculum Guides and Course Outlines

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for the development of curriculum guides for the various subject areas and their provision to appropriate staff members.

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LEGAL REF.: General Education Provisions Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g;
Illinois School Code, Sec. 10-20.8 and 10-19 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.8 and 5/10-19).

CROSS REF.: 625, 625.03, 625.04, 625.05, 625.07, 625.10, 630.01

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