

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENT

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The major objective of curriculum development is to improve the District's educational offerings and its instructional activities and practices in order to increase student engagement in the learning process and improve student achievement. The School Board will provide the resources to develop and implement the curriculum within the financial capabilities of the District. The District's curriculum and instructional programs shall be in line with the state's educational standards, goals, and expectations; other applicable legal requirements; and the local goals and standards established by the Board, District Administrator, and/or building principal. To the extent consistent with the remainder of this policy, the Board delegates responsibility for the development, evaluation and improvement of the curriculum to the District's professional staff, under the leadership and direction of the District Administrator, building principals, and other administrators who have responsibilities in instructional areas.

1. Curriculum and instructional program development should be a participatory process within the District.
2. Communication and coordination among grade level and subject area teachers should be emphasized on a PK-12 basis whenever curriculum is developed or evaluated. The Board encourages the use of intra-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary work teams.
3. The Board encourages practices that seek to engage the broader community in the evaluation of curriculum and instruction and in generating ideas for improvement.
4. The Board's belief is that all instructional personnel have a professional obligation to participate in and contribute to the curriculum development and evaluation processes.
5. Curriculum development and evaluation should be guided and supported by appropriate internal and external research.
6. The Board expects that the District's professional educators will seek and utilize resources and expertise from outside the District as they strive to develop and improve the effectiveness of the District's curriculum.
7. The District Administrator shall develop and implement a District curriculum plan to guide the curriculum development, evaluation, and improvement process.

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