

Document Status: Review and Monitoring

INSTRUCTION

6:40 Curriculum Development

Adoption [PRESSPlus1](#)

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend a comprehensive curriculum that is aligned with:

1. The District's educational philosophy and vision,
2. Student needs as identified by research, demographics, and student achievement and other data,
3. The knowledge, skills, and abilities required for students to become life-long learners,
4. The minimum requirements of State and federal law and regulations for curriculum and graduation requirements,
5. The Illinois State Learning Standards and any District learning standards, and
6. Any required State or federal student testing.

The Board of Education will adopt, upon recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, a curriculum that meets the above criteria.

Experimental Educational Programs and Pilot Projects

The Superintendent or designee may recommend experimental educational programs and/or pilot projects for Board consideration. Proposals must include goals, material needs, anticipated expenses, and an evaluation process. The Superintendent or designee shall submit to the Board periodic progress reports for programs that exceed one year in duration and a final evaluation with recommendation upon the program's completion.

Development

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a curriculum review program to monitor the current curriculum and promptly 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, student needs, and community expectations.

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board as appropriate, the curriculum review program's efforts to:

1. Regularly evaluate the curriculum and instructional program.
2. Ensure the curriculum continues to meet the stated adoption criteria.
3. Include input from a cross-section of teachers, administrators, parents/guardians, and students, representing all schools, grade levels, disciplines, and specialized and alternative programs.
4. Coordinate with the process for evaluating the instructional program and materials.

Curriculum Guides and Course Outlines

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and provide subject area curriculum guides to appropriate staff members.

LEGAL REF.:

[20 U.S.C. §1681](#), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, implemented by [34 C.F.R. Part 106](#).

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.8](#) and [5/10-19](#).

CROSS REF.: 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:70 (Teaching About Religions), 6:80 (Teaching About Controversial Issues) 6:100 (Using Animals in the Educational Program), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:130 (Program for Acceleration and Enrichment), 6:135 (Accelerated Placement Program), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:145 (Migrant Students), 6:150 (Home and Hospital Instruction), 6:160 (English Learners), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:180 (Extended Instructional Programs), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights)

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. This policy is suggested to be reviewed by the Board. According to policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, "[t]he Board will periodically review its policies for relevancy, monitor its policies for effectiveness, and consider whether any modifications are required." IASB suggests that each policy in the Board's policy manual be reviewed at a minimum of every five years. As part of the review, the Board may choose to:

- Compare the adopted version to the current PRESS sample (available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com), discussing any differences and/or options noted in the footnotes to determine whether local changes are necessary
- Update the policy language due to changes in local conditions
- Make no changes, but update the adoption date to reflect that the policy has been reviewed and re-adopted

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