

B. Smart Core Curriculum and Course of Study

In order to ensure that every child has access to a rigorous curriculum, the Smart Core Curriculum and Core Curriculum will be standard components of the required course of study to graduate from Arkansas public schools.

All students will participate in the Smart Core Curriculum unless the parent or guardian waives a student's right to participate. In order to waive a student's right to participate in the Smart Core Curriculum, the parent must sign the separate Smart Core Waiver Form. In the case of a waiver, the student will be required to participate in Core Curriculum.

As parents, students, and the school collaboratively develop a unique Student Success Plan during a student's 8th grade year the specifics of both the Smart Core Curriculum and Core Curriculum will be explained. Parents will be provided the Smart Core Curriculum, as well as the option of waiving Smart Core and thus electing the Core Curriculum. When appropriate, these curricular provisions will be reviewed and revised through Grade 12.

Parents may be informed of their curricular choices through counselor meetings, parent teacher conferences, PTA, newsletters, student handbook, etc.

Parents will be provided the option of changing from the Smart Core Curriculum to Core Curriculum by contacting the building principal in writing. Requests will be honored only if the student can complete the newly selected course of study by the end of their senior year.

Appropriate school personnel including teachers, counselors, and administrators will be informed and trained about the provisions of this policy.

The following courses of study are consistent with the Core and Smart Core Curriculums: