

B. Smart Core ~~Curriculum~~Curriculum and Course of Study

In order to ensure that every child has access to a rigorous ~~curriculum~~curriculum, the Smart Core ~~curriculum~~Curriculum and Core ~~curriculum~~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~~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~~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~~Curriculum.

~~Each spring all 6th grade students in the Fort Smith Public Schools and their parents. 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~~Curriculum and Core ~~curriculum~~Curriculum will be explained. Parents~~ will be provided the Smart Core ~~curriculum~~Curriculum, as well as the option of waiving Smart Core and thus electing the Core ~~curriculum~~Curriculum. When appropriate, these curricular provisions will be reviewed and revised through Grade 12.

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

~~Upon receipt of the Arkansas Department of Education's Smart Core Informed Consent Form, parents will be required to sign and return their choice of curriculum for their child to the school. Returned Informed Consent Forms become a part of the student's permanent record. Students transferring to other schools and/or districts will have transferred, as a part of their permanent record, the signed Informed Consent Form.~~

Parents will be provided the option of changing ~~the Informed Consent Form from the Smart Core ~~curriculum~~Curriculum to Core ~~Curriculum~~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 ~~Curriculum~~Curriculum: