

Existing policy with revision based upon P.A. 18-24, P.A. 18-181, and P.A. 18-182.

Instruction

Basic Instructional Program

The basic instructional program of the New Fairfield Public Schools shall be approved by the Board and be in accordance with the law.

Although learning experiences offered students vary according to their individual needs and abilities, the instructional program will be designed to give all students a common body of skills, understandings, attitudes, and knowledge needed for living in a democratic society.

As required by law the Board shall provide a program of instruction which shall include at least the following subject matter as taught by legally qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education; health and safety; including, but not limited to, human growth and development, nutrition, first aid; including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training; ~~(beginning with the school year commencing July 1, 2016);~~ disease prevention, and cancer awareness, including but not limited to, age and developmentally appropriate instruction in performing self-examinations for the purposes of screening for breast cancer and testicular cancer; community and consumer health, physical, mental and emotional health, including youth suicide prevention, including instruction relating to opioid use and related disorders; teen dating violence awareness and prevention, substance abuse prevention; safety; which shall include the safe use of social media, as defined in C.G.S. 9-601, and may include the dangers of gang membership, and safety and accident prevention; instruction on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS); language arts, including reading, writing, grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics, physical education; science, which may include the climate change curriculum consistent with the Next Generation Science Standards; social studies, including, but not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography, government and history and Holocaust and genocide education and awareness (beginning with the school year commencing July 1, 2018); computer programming instruction, and in addition, on at least the secondary level, one or more world languages and vocational education.

Language arts may include American Sign Language provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under the supervision of a certified teacher.

The “arts” means any form of visual or performing arts which may include, but not be limited to, dance, music, art and theatre.

The implementation of these programs shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools in cooperation with the building principals.

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Basic Instructional Program (continued)

Note: The addition, as part of the health and safety curriculum, of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, is to be based on the guidelines for emergency cardiovascular care issued by the American Heart Association and shall include, but not be limited to, hands on training in CPR.

In addition, boards of education are allowed to accept gifts, grants, and donations, including in-kind donations, to purchase equipment or materials needed to provide CPR instruction in the schools.

The addition of instruction on the safe use of social media (blogs, video blogs, podcasts, instant messaging, and other user-generated content) and computer programming instruction is also effective beginning in the 2016-2017 school year.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-16b Prescribed courses of study, as amended by PA 08-153, PA 11-136, PA 14-234, PA 15-17, PA 15-94, PA 15-138, PA 16-188, PA 18-24, PA 18-182 and PA 18-181.

10-18 Courses in United States History, government and duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

10-19 Teaching about alcohol, nicotine or tobacco, drugs, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Training of personnel.

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