

**Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 2, 2015 6:00 PM**  
Curriculum Meeting Minutes, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

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The Curriculum Committee met and reviewed various textbooks requested for Math and English, with consensus approval and decision to place as First Warning at the next Board of Ed meeting.

Honors 9—The Alchemist instead of more classics; a more challenging read, a “coming of age” story

Academic English 11---13 Reasons Why which deals with bullying and teen suicide and has connections to the Positive Behavior Supports at SHS. Recommended for those who struggle with reading and/or those don't like to read

English 10---Twelfth Night to replace Julius Caesar, instead of doing a tragedy every year. Can be accessed on iPads

English 12---Candide, a French social satire, instead of Fences and Cyrano de Bergerac. iPad access.

All grade 12---A Thousand Splendid Suns to bring in more contemporary literature

Algebra 1 (MBA and SHS)---same series as the Alg.2 books, online as well. 150 books needed

Algebra 2 (Honors Alg.2 will keep using current book)---includes some trig. 80 books needed

Geometry (for regular Geometry and Topics in Geometry---includes workbooks. Need 65.

Algebra 1 Common Core---Topics in Alg.1, Topics in Alg.2, Topics in Geometry, 20 books each. Students are required to take 3 years of math in high school.

Music and Food Service curricula were reviewed. These can be accessed online.

Music---state standards haven't changed since 1998. Grade level expectations are included for each of the 9 strands. It has taken staff several years to produce this document for 13 grades.

Food Service---2 courses, FS 2 is aligned with Manchester Comm. College principles to maintain the articulation agreement we have with them.

The same format is being used for curricula in all subject areas.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Formeister, Chair