

INSTRUCTIONAL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction for continuous review and improvement of the school curriculum.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Curriculum development shall be directed toward the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the education program of the school district.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The superintendent shall be responsible for curriculum development and for determining the most effective way of conducting research on the school district's curriculum needs and establishing a long range curriculum development program.
- B. A district advisory committee may provide assistance at the request of the superintendent. The advisory committee membership would be a reflection of the community and, to the extent possible, would reflect the diversity of the district and its school sites, and would include parent, teacher, support staff, student, community residents, and administration representation.
- C. Within the ongoing process of curriculum development, the following needs shall be addressed:
 - 1. Provide for articulation of courses of study from kindergarten through grade twelve.
 - 2. Identify minimum objectives for each course and at each elementary grade level.
 - 3. Provide for continuing evaluation of programs for the purpose of attaining school district objectives.
 - 4. Provide a program for ongoing monitoring of student progress.
 - 5. Provide for specific, particular, and special needs of all members of the student community.
 - 6. Develop a local literacy plan to have every child reading at or above grade level no later than the end of grade 3, including English learners, and teachers providing comprehensive, scientifically based reading instruction consistent with law.
 - 7. Integrate required and elective course standards in the scope and sequence of the district curriculum.

8. Meet all applicable requirements of the Minnesota Department of Education and federal law.
- D. Students identified as not reading at grade level by the end of kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 must be screened for characteristics of dyslexia. Students in grade 3 or higher who demonstrate a reading difficulty to a classroom teacher must be screened for characteristics of dyslexia, unless a different reason for the reading difficulty has been identified. See Minn. Stat. § 120B.12, Subd.2
 - E. Students who do not meet or exceed Minnesota academic standards, as measured by the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments that are administered during high school, shall be informed that admission to a public school is free and available to any resident under 21 years of age or who meets the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 120A.20, Subd. 1(c). A student's plan under this section shall continue while the student is enrolled.
 - F. The superintendent shall be responsible for keeping the school board informed of all state-mandated curriculum changes, as well as recommended discretionary changes and to periodically present recommended modifications for school board review and approval.
 - E. The superintendent shall have discretionary authority to develop guidelines and directives to implement school board policy relating to curriculum development.