

Instruction

Curriculum

The basic instructional program shall be prescribed by the Board and be in accordance with the law. The curricula of the schools shall be in harmony with the Board of Education's mission statement/philosophy, adopted goals and legal requirements.

Curriculum development by the certified staff shall be guided by such factors as the following:

1. Relevant studies and data concerning the needs of students in this school district.
2. The range of abilities, aptitudes and interests of our students.
3. Community input into the needs of students.
4. Appreciation of diverse perspectives.

The Board of Education desires that unnecessary duplication of course work among the various school levels be eliminated, and that courses of study and syllabi be coordinated across grades and among various levels.

The Board of Education supports providing opportunities for faculty to consult and help in curriculum development through workshops, study groups, assistance from outside consultants, and opportunities for teachers to devote time to the effort. The curriculum development/revision process will be conducted by a District Curriculum Committee that has the responsibility to recommend, develop, review, and approve all curriculum for the District and said curriculum shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Education.

The Board of Education reserves the responsibility for establishing curricula for the school system. Teachers shall teach within the approved curricula. Curricula will be reviewed on a regular schedule.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-15](#) Towns to maintain schools

[10-15c](#) Discrimination in public schools prohibited

[10-16b](#) Prescribed courses of study

[10-18](#) Courses in United States History, government and duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

[10-18a](#) Contents of textbooks and other general instructional materials.

[10-19](#) Effect of alcohol, nicotine, or tobacco and drugs to be taught.

[10-220](#) Duties of boards of education as amended by PA 08-153.

[10-221a](#) High School graduation requirements.

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