

CURRICULUM DESIGN/DEVELOPMENT

The chief school administrator shall be responsible to the board for the development of curriculum to meet identified pupil needs. The board shall ensure that curriculum and instruction are designed and delivered in a way that all pupils are able to demonstrate the knowledge and skills set out in the Core Curriculum Content Standards. In addition, the board shall ensure that appropriate instructional adaptations are designed and delivered for pupils with disabilities, for pupils with limited English proficiency, and for pupils who are gifted and talented.

The chief school administrator shall establish procedures for curriculum development that ensure the effective participation of teaching staff members; pupils, as appropriate to their age and grade; parents/guardians; the community; members of the board; and the use of all available resources. Care shall be taken that certified staff shall not be assigned to teach material outside the limits of their certification and endorsements.

The chief school administrator shall report to the board the objectives, evaluative criteria and costs of each proposed program before seeking board adoption. New programs and courses of study shall not be acted upon by the board until the board has an opportunity to review the proposed program.

Criteria by which the board will judge the acceptability of new course offerings include:

- A. Does it address an identified pupil need?
- B. Is it relevant to the board's philosophy and goals and does it offer real possibilities for progress toward these goals?
- C. Does it satisfy the requirements of the board's school and classroom practices regarding bias and stereotyping?
- D. If the proposed course replaces an existing program, what defect in the previous program is it designed to overcome?
- E. Does it include measures for determining progress?
- F. Does it address the necessary study skills?
- G. Has it been thoroughly studied and/or tested by district staff or by another district? What were the results?
- H. Has a curriculum guide been completed? If not, when can it be expected?

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- I. Have the accompanying textbooks been recommended to the board?
- J. Have the costs and time of implementation been reviewed, including inservice training?

A 5-year plan for updating curriculum shall be developed and implemented. The chief school administrator shall report annually on all progress in curriculum development and the implementation of the 5-year curriculum plan at the time of the board's annual adoption of curriculum.

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Legal References: N.J.A.C. 6:3-1.6 Reporting and staffing of school districts
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.1 et seq. Implementation of the Core Curriculum Content Standards
N.J.A.C. 6A:24-4.1 et seq. *Implementation of Whole School Reform Model*
N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et seq. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

Old Bridge Education Association v. Board of Education of the Township of Old Bridge, Middlesex County

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (August 2000)