

Curriculum Development

The Board of Education is required by state law to determine the educational programs to be carried on in the schools of the district. The district's curriculum shall be aligned with the district's academic standards to ensure that each student will have the educational experiences needed to achieve the standards or complete the requirements and goals as listed on a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), which may include modified standards.

Successful curriculum development is a cooperative enterprise involving impacted district staff members, carried out under the superintendent's leadership and using multiple resources. Carefully conducted and supervised experimentation for curriculum development is also desirable.

All new programs and courses of study as well as the elimination and extensive alteration of the content of current programs and courses shall be presented by the superintendent to the Board for its consideration and action.

The district's curriculum shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure that the curriculum and educational programs are effective and aligned with the district's academic standards and educational objectives. Curriculum review committees shall include administrators, teachers, parents, accountability members and others deemed appropriate by the Board or superintendent.

Regulations shall be developed that outline the courses to be reviewed, the sequence of course review, the specific activities involved in curriculum review and the areas to be included in the review.

The review shall include consideration of achievement results for all student populations, educational equity, curriculum breadth and depth, and congruence of instructional strategies and assessments with the district's academic standards.

Adopted: April 2016

LEGAL REFS.: Colo. Const. Art. IX, Sect. 15 (*Board has control of instruction within the district*)
C.R.S. 22-7-1013(2) (*adoption of content standards; alignment of curriculum*)
C.R.S. 22-20-101 *et seq.* (*Exceptional Children's Educational Act*)
C.R.S. 22-20-201 *et seq.* (*education of gifted children*)
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(t) (*Board duty to determine educational program and prescribe textbooks*)
C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(r) (*Board power to exclude immoral or pernicious materials and books*)

CROSS REF.: AEA, Standards Based Education

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