

### 2210 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

The Watchung Borough Board of Education appreciates the importance of its educational program (curriculum) in meeting its mandate to provide a "thorough and efficient" education to its students through the implementation of the Core Curriculum Content Standards. The Board also recognizes the need for this program to be flexible and continually updated to meet the changing needs and diversity of the community and to provide the breadth and depth of curriculum offerings designed to develop the individual talents and abilities of students.

While the Board acknowledges its right and responsibilities under the laws of New Jersey with regard to the determination of the curriculum, it nevertheless feels that the development and review of curriculum can best be accomplished by competent professional educational staff in the district. District curriculum supervisors in consultation with teaching staff shall review the curriculum annually to ensure its applicability to State and local goals and objectives.

Therefore, the Board directs the Superintendent to consult with appropriate qualified professional staff for the purpose of reviewing the curriculum and advising the Board on curriculum changes and additions.

In approving curriculum changes, and in its annual adoption of the district's educational plan, the Board shall consider the following criteria, as per N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.1. The curriculum shall:

- A. Be consistent with written goals, objectives and identified student needs;
- B. Develop individual talents and interests and serve diverse learning styles to motivate student achievement;
- C. Provide for continuous learning through an effective articulation between and among the nearby districts and the borough's schools;
- D. Offer a basic skills improvement plan;
- E. Provide all students continuous access to sufficient programs and services of a library/media facility, classroom library and media collection, or both, to support the educational program (curriculum);
- F. Provide all students guidance and counseling to assist in career and academic planning;



- G. Provide a continuum of educational programs and services for all children with disabilities, pursuant to law and regulation;
- H. Provide bilingual programs for students whose dominant language is not English, pursuant to law and regulation;
- I. Provide all students equal educational opportunity, pursuant to law and regulation;
- J. Provide career awareness and vocational education, pursuant to law and regulation;
- K. Provide educational opportunities for exceptionally gifted and talented students;
- L. Prepare students for high school.

A five-year plan for updating curriculum shall be developed and implemented.

The Superintendent shall report annually on all progress in curriculum development and the implementation of the five-year curriculum plan at the time of the Board's annual adoption of curriculum.

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