

Houston County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in November	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="text-align: center;">Curriculum Development</h2>	Descriptor Code: 4.200	Issued Date: 01/13/2020
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General

Under the leadership and direction of the Supervisor of Instruction, a unified curriculum shall be developed for the school system in each subject area for grades K-12 and presented to the Board for adoption.¹

The curriculum shall include those subjects and topics required by state and federal laws and regulations.² It shall foster respect and appreciation of the cultural diversity found in our country and an awareness of the rights, duties, and responsibilities of each individual as a member of a pluralistic society.

Teachers in each school shall participate in the system-wide development of the curriculum in their appropriate subject areas. Assignments for curriculum development in the elementary grades will be made by the principal. The curriculum will be revised and updated regularly through in-service programs and curriculum planning sessions with changes subject to approval by the Board.

At least one copy of the complete curriculum shall be placed in each school. Teachers shall be given a personal copy of the portion which pertains to their area of teaching. New teachers shall be given an appropriate copy and briefed on its content in relation to the total curriculum.

Experimentation with newer concepts of curriculum design, scheduling, and instructional techniques is encouraged but must have prior approval of the principal. An experimental program requires the approval of the Director of Schools, the Board, the Commissioner of Education, and the State Board of Education.¹

IMPLEMENTATION

The primary responsibility for ensuring the effective operation of the curricular programs and activities shall be delegated to the Director of Schools.

The school principals shall be responsible for administering the established instructional programs of their respective schools.

A syllabus for all grade six (6) through twelve (12) social studies, science, math, and English language arts courses shall be available to the public.³

Legal References

1. TCA 49-1-302(a)(1)-(3), (8); TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.05(1)(a); TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.05(2)
2. TCA 49-6-1001, *et seq.*; TCA 49-6-1201, *et seq.*; TCA 49-6-1301-1302
3. TCA 49-6-1005(c)(1)(2)(3)

Cross References

- Evaluations of Instructional Programs 4.702
- In-Service & Staff Development Opportunities 5.113
- Staff Rights & Responsibilities 5.600
- Staff Time Schedules 5.602