

619 STAFF DEVELOPMENT FOR STANDARDS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish opportunities for staff development which advance the staff's ability to work effectively with the Graduation Standards and with students as they progress to achievement of those Graduation Standards and meet the requirements of the federal law.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school district is committed to developing staff policies and processes for continuous improvement of curriculum, instruction and assessment to ensure effective implementation of the Graduation Assessment Requirements and the federal law at all levels.

III. STANDARDS FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- A. The Advisory Committee for Comprehensive Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement (the "Committee") shall address the needs of all staff in prioritizing staff development which will ensure effective implementation of the Graduation Assessment Requirements and federal law at all levels. The Committee will advise the school board on the planning of staff development opportunities.
- B. The school district shall place a high priority on staff development including activities, programs, and other efforts to implement the Graduation Assessment Requirements effectively and to upgrade that implementation continuously.
- C. Staff development plans for the school district shall address identified needs for Graduation Assessment Requirements implementation throughout all levels of the school district programs.
- D. In service, staff meeting, and district and building level staff development plans and programs shall focus on improving implementation of the Graduation Assessment Requirements at all levels for all students, including those with special needs.

IV. TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- A. Paraprofessionals. The school district will provide each paraprofessional who assists a licensed teacher in providing student instruction with initial training. Such training will include training in emergency procedures, confidentiality, vulnerability, reporting obligations, discipline, policies, roles and responsibilities, and building orientation. Training will be provided within the first 60 days a paraprofessional begins supervising or working with students.

B. Teachers/Administrators

1. The school district will provide high quality and ongoing professional development activities as required by state and federal laws.
2. The school district will assign an administrator to serve as a highly objective uniform state standard of evaluation (HOUSSE) reviewer. The administrator shall meet with teachers and, where appropriate, certify the teacher's application for highly qualified status.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Results-Oriented Graduation Rule)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.031 (Implementing the Profile of Learning)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)
Minn. Stat. § 122A.60 (Staff Development Program)
Minn. Rule Parts 3501.0010 - 3501.0180 (Rules Relating to Graduation Standards - Mathematics and Reading)
Minn. Rule Parts 3501.0200 - 3501.0290 (Rules Relating to Graduation Standards - Written Composition)
Minn. Rule Parts 3501.0300 - 3501.0469 (Rules Relating to Graduation Standards - Profile of Learning)
Minn. Rule Part 3501.0420 (Implementation Reporting)

Cross References:

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 104 (School District Mission Statement)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 601 (School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 616 (School District System Accountability)

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