

COUNCIL POLICY

DISTRICT: Washington

SCHOOL: North

TITLE

Determination of Curriculum

KRS 160.345(2)(i)1

POLICY STATEMENT

Purpose:

The *Determination of Curriculum* policy ensures and establishes a process for curriculum development, implementation, evaluation and communication of the school's curriculum while involving all stakeholder groups.

Procedures:

North Washington Elementary School defines curriculum as what students are taught and the connections they make to the real world. The curriculum shall define what students should know and be able to do in all content areas. The curriculum shall also be defined as all experiences provided by the school staff which are designed to assist students in valuing learning and developing academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. Curriculum includes both what is taught and how it is organized for delivery.

The curriculum shall include all core subject areas (i.e. English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies), as well as a variety of supporting courses (i.e. Arts and Humanities, Practical Living/Career Studies, Health and Physical Education, and Technology). The curriculum shall encompass local, state, and national standards and be research-based. It shall be aligned with the Kentucky Academic Standards. All students shall have equal access to all aspects of the curriculum during the school day.

The curriculum shall include the following features:

- Fully aligned to all local and state documents
- Developmentally appropriate
- Vertically and horizontally aligned
- Reflect skills and concepts, instructional strategies, assessments and resources
- Provide real world experiences
- Integrate career awareness
- Integrate problem solving

K-5th HUMAN SEXUALITY CURRICULUM

In keeping with Kentucky state law, KRS 158.1415 students grade five and below will NOT receive instruction:

- on human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases
- for the purpose of studying or exploring gender identity or expression or sexual orientation

6th-8th HUMAN SEXUALITY CURRICULUM

- In keeping with Kentucky state law, KRS 158.1415, students will not receive instruction for the purpose of studying or exploring gender identity or expression or sexual orientation.
- Written parental consent will be required before student receives instruction on human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases. Parents will receive notification at least two weeks prior to the instruction and be given the right to review the materials. The school/district will provide alternative instruction for students whose parents do not provide written consent.

North Washington School recognizes the stakeholders for the Curriculum Committee membership. These stakeholders shall be responsible for evaluating and revising the curriculum annually. The principal of North Washington School shall be responsible for ensuring the implementation of the curriculum. All teachers shall be responsible for implementing the curriculum with fidelity in all classroom assignments and documenting the curricular topic as part of lesson planning.

The curriculum shall be communicated to all stakeholders on an annual basis. Parents and students, and the community at large, shall have access to information on what students are to know and be able to do. This information will be posted to North Washington Elementary School's website.

All staff members shall receive appropriate professional development annually on any curricular revisions.

Evaluation:

The North Washington School Council shall monitor the implementation of the curriculum through a series of checkpoints during regular school council meetings.

Date Adopted: 2/23/2004

Most Recent Review/Update: July 2024