

Curricular Program and Evaluation

The district engages educators, representing all grades and subjects, in the continuous review of our curricular program. Representative groups collaborate regularly to review input and make recommendations on updates and improvements. The curricular program at Bismarck Public Schools encompasses standards, proficiency scales, pacing, resources and assessments.

- Standards shall, at a minimum, be based upon state standards (or other recognized standards.)
- Proficiency scales shall, at a minimum, be based on prioritized standards, outlining the progression of learning to reach proficiency of the standard.
- Pacing anchors, on a timeline, the learning of the prioritized standards.
- Resources are tools, approved by the district, that may include texts, online applications, websites, guest speakers, etc. used to help students learn the standards.
- Assessments may include observation, assignments, tests, etc. that are used to measure and improve student learning progress.

BPS regularly evaluates and modifies the curricular program as necessary to assure continuing effectiveness and alignment to prioritized standards. Evidence for consideration in the evaluation may include but is not limited to:

- Testing programs such as national standardized general achievement tests, nationally standardized tests in specific subject areas, and tests administered by other agencies.
- School academic records.
- Teacher and parent evaluation of student achievement and curricular needs.
- Recommendations by teachers and/or administrators.
- Evaluation by other agencies.
- Audits ensuring learning styles, backgrounds, interests, and abilities are equitably served.

All action on curricular program matters will be taken in accordance with the district's Policy GAAB.

The District has adopted a separate procedure related to complaints about instructional material and resources. This policy shall not supersede or govern that procedure.

Complementary Documents

- GAAB, Curricular Program Changes
- GAAC, Public Review of Texts, Library Media, and Supplementary Materials
- GAAC-AR, Reconsideration of Instructional Materials
- GAAC-E Request for Reconsideration of Library or Instructional Materials

End of Bismarck Public School District Policy GAAA

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