

## Instruction

### Curriculum

The curricula of the schools shall be in harmony with the Board of Education's adopted goals and legal requirements. The prescribed course of study shall be in accordance with State Statutes.

Curriculum development by the certified staff shall be guided by such factors as the following:

1. Actual studies and information concerning the needs of students in this school district.
2. The range of abilities, aptitudes and interests of the students.
3. Community input into the needs of students.
4. The mobility of the population, making it necessary to provide education for the students useful anywhere in the world.
5. Avoidance of discrimination.
6. State standards such as the Common Core of Learning and Curriculum frameworks.

The Board of Education desires that unnecessary duplication of work among the various school levels be eliminated, and that courses of study and syllabi be coordinated effectively.

The Board of Education favors providing opportunities for faculty to consult and assist in curriculum development through such devices as workshops, study groups, assistance from outside consultants, and an extended school year to allow teachers to devote summertime to the effort in accordance with negotiated contracts and budgetary allotments. The Board of Education in establishing and approving curricula for the school district will give due consideration to the possible adoption and use of the model curriculum for grades K-8 developed by the Connecticut State Department of Education in collaboration with the State Education Resource Center (SERC) upon its availability.

The Board of Education reserves the responsibility for establishing and approving curricula for the school district. Teachers shall teach within the approved curricula.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
10-15 Towns to maintain schools.  
10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited.  
10-16b Prescribed courses of study.

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10 16c et seq. re Family life education.

10 17 English language to be medium of instruction.

10 17 et seq. re Bilingual instruction.

10-18 Courses in United States history, government and duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

10-18a Contents of textbooks and other general instructional materials.

10 18 bet seq. re Firearms safety programs.

10-19 Effect of alcohol, nicotine, or tobacco and drugs to be taught. Training of personnel. Evaluation of programs by alcohol and drug abuse commission and department of education.

10 24 Course in motor vehicle operation and highway safety.

10 21 et seq. re Vocational education and cooperation with business.

10-220 Duties of boards of education as amended by PA 08-153.

PA 22-80 An Act Concerning Childhood Mental and Physical Health Services in School.

10-221a High School graduation requirements.

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