

## **CURRICULUM DESIGN**

The Bethel Board of Education believes that all of the learning experiences that the school affords for the purpose of attaining its educational objectives constitute the curriculum.

The curriculum shall be developed within the framework provided by the regulations of the Oklahoma State Department of Education, and by the Oklahoma Statutes.

This school district shall be in a continuous process of curriculum development. However, the board of education is the final approving authority for all curriculum changes.

Emphasis shall be given to the teaching of citizenship in the United States, the state of Oklahoma, and the local community. The ideals, culture, history, and government of the United States, the state of Oklahoma, and of other countries shall be taught along with the principles of democracy as they apply to the lives of our citizens.

Personal health, and physical fitness shall be emphasized through the study of proper diet; the effects of alcoholic beverages, narcotics, tobacco, and other substances on the human body and mind; and, the study of other subjects that promote healthy living. Safety shall be emphasized through training in the operation of motor vehicles and the general understanding and use of safety practices.

The board of education believes that the teaching of the basic skills of learning and communication, including reading, writing, speaking, and the use of mathematics is of paramount importance.

The importance of the conservation of natural resources to the students shall be taught. Resources such as soil, water, forests, minerals, oil, gas, and wildlife shall be taught.

Respect for the American flag shall be taught through the flag salute, the singing of patriotic songs, and the learning and reciting of patriotic poems and other literature.