

KSD

Curriculum Writing

Process

January 22, 2026



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Strategic Plan

2021-2026

Vision: Every student engaged, empowered, and ready for success.

Mission: To equip students with the skills, knowledge and understanding to be empathetic, successful, and to value all people.



The C&I Team

Governance & Board Policy

ACIB: Educational Equity

IF: Curriculum Development

IGA: Basic Instructional Programs

IIA: Instructional Materials

GCL: Professional Development Opportunities

KLB-AP: Public Questions/Concerns Regarding
Materials

Local Control→Local Expertise→State Alignment

Board Appointed Committee Process

Board appointed committees are structured to assist the Board of Education and the Kirkwood School District in finding solutions to current and/or future issues as well as educating the public on the programs and services provided to students.

We welcome members of the public to attend and view the business of the district. If you are not a member of the committee, we ask that you respectfully observe the meeting in the area designated for patrons. Advisory committees do not include an opportunity for public comment, but you are welcome to visit kirkwoodschools.org/letstalk to provide feedback or start a conversation on any agenda item covered during the meeting. If you would like to request to be considered as a member of a committee, contact ksdsuperintendent@kirkwoodschools.org.

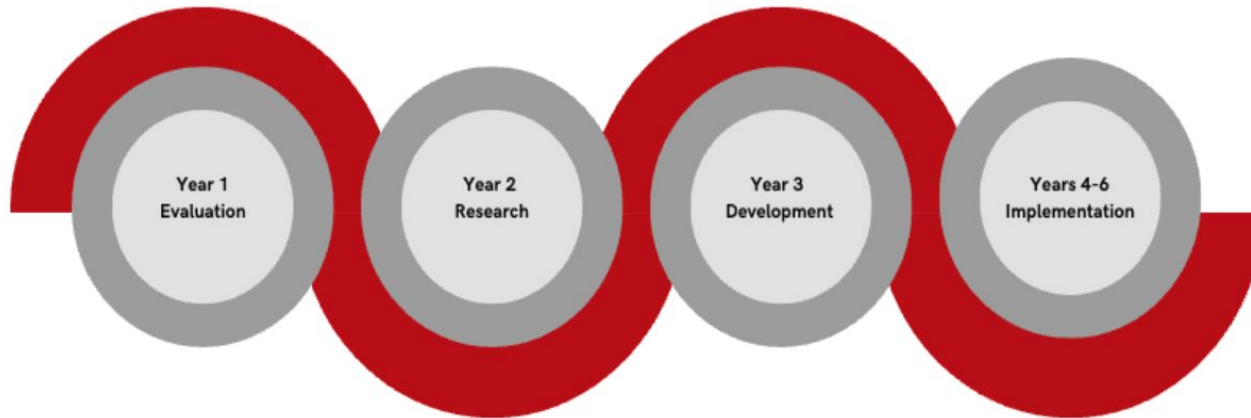
As with all KSD events, **Policy KK: Visitors to District Property/Events** will be followed.

Curriculum Defined

- Missouri Learning Standards - Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
- Priority Standards
- Enduring Understandings
- Essential Questions
- Scope and Sequence



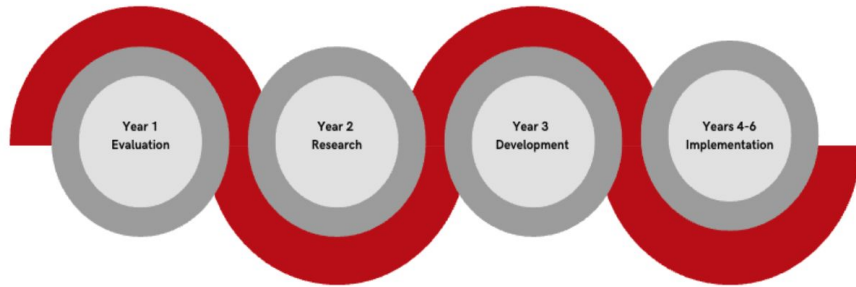
6-Year Curriculum Writing Cycle



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EVALUATION

YEAR 1



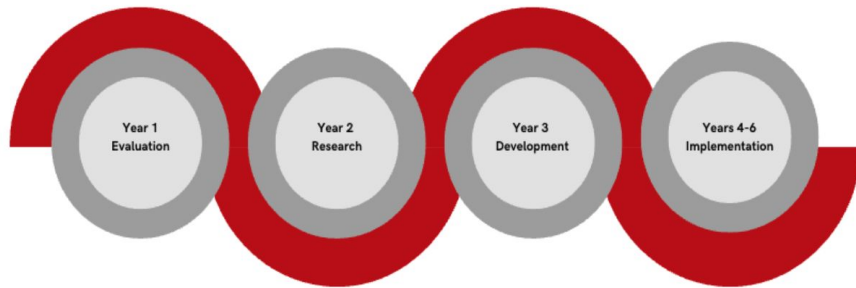
To what degree is our curriculum being taught with fidelity?

What do achievement data say about the effectiveness of our curriculum?

What do disaggregated achievement data say about the effectiveness of our curriculum?

RESEARCH

Year 2



Feedback & Input

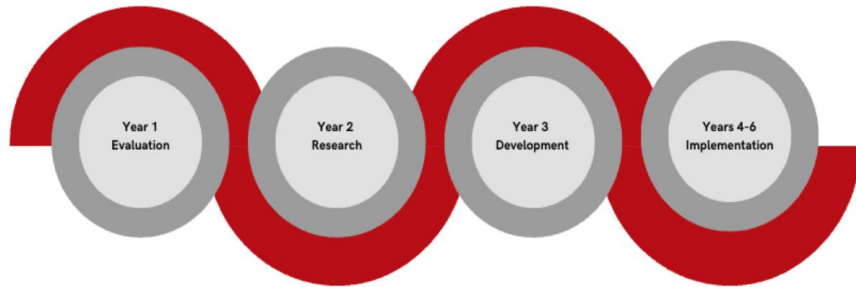
Pedagogical Research

Analysis of Standards

Local & Global View

DEVELOPMENT

YEAR 3



Missouri Learning Standards - Department
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(DESE)

Priority Standards

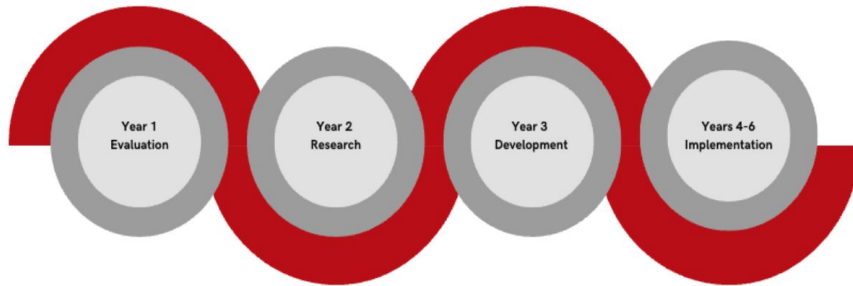
Enduring Understandings

Essential Questions

Scope and Sequence

IMPLEMENTATION

YEARS 4-5-6



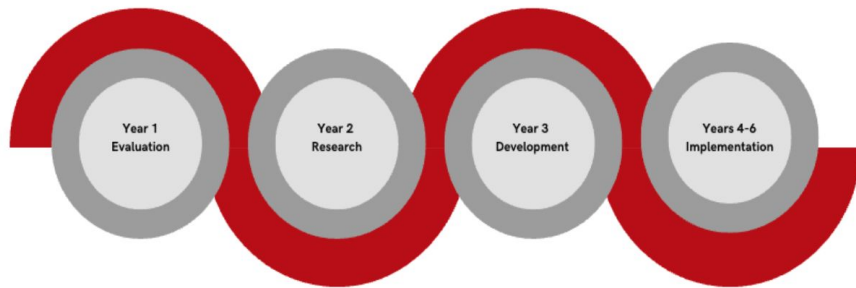
Professional Development

High-impact Teaching Strategies

Assessment review, data collection,
and problem solving

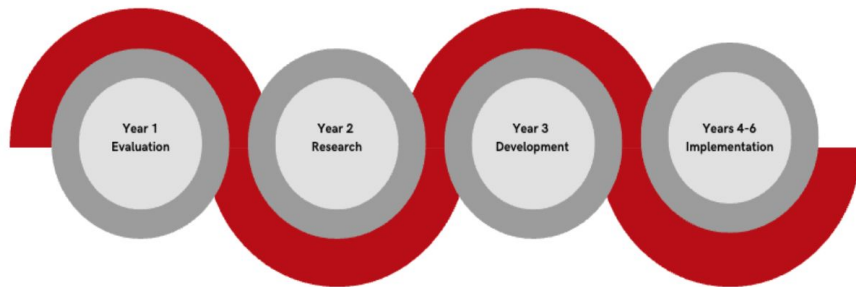
The Curriculum Writing Teams

Our Architects



Our teachers and staff develop and write the curriculum, working with district-level curriculum facilitators.

The Curriculum Review Committee



Board-approved, teachers, parents,
and community members

Meet regularly to read, review and
provide feedback on curriculum
documents

Focuses specifically on the
“Development” stage of the cycle

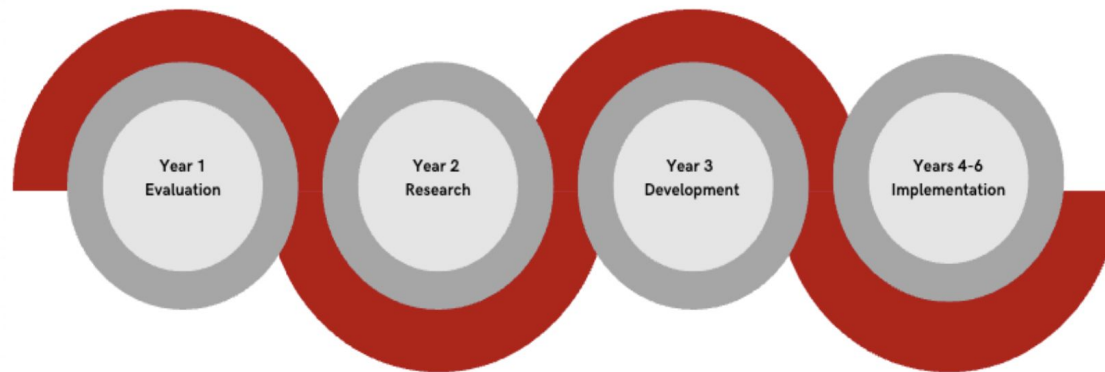
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SCHOOL DISTRICT

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6-8 Math	Chowen I	9-12 Engineering Mathematics & Geometry I & II	9-12 French AP	9-12 German I
6-8 Spanish III-Grade	Chowen II	9-12 Fine Arts Fundamentals	9-12 German IV	9-12 Spanish I
9-12 Health & Wellness	Chowen III	9-12 Fine Arts Drawing I	9-12 German AP	9-12 Physical Education: Team Sports
9-12 Physical Education: Conditioning & Fitness	Chowen IV	9-12 Fine Arts Drawing II	9-12 German IV	9-12 French II
9-12 Physical Education: Strength & Fitness	K-5 Music	9-12 Fine Arts Drawing III	9-12 Performing Arts: Advanced Vocal	9-12 German II
9-12 English: Supports Reading/Topic	6-8 English: Supports Reading/Topic	9-12 Fine Arts Photography	9-12 Performing Arts: Musical Theatre	9-12 German III
6-8 Health	6-8 MS Electives: Reading/Topic	9-12 Fine Arts Photography	9-12 Performing Arts: Technical Theatre	9-12 German III
11-12 English: AP Language & Composition	9-12 English: Freshman Literature & Composition	9-12 Fine Arts: Graphic Design I	9-12 Spanish IV	9-12 Spanish II
12-12 English: AP Language & Composition	9-12 English: Sophomore Literature & Composition	9-12 Fine Arts: Graphic Design II	9-12 English: Senior I & II	9-12 Journalism I
K-5 ELA: Phonics	9-12 Performing Arts: General Ed. Music Course (9th & 10th)	9-12 Fine Arts: Sculpture	9-12 English: Senior I & II	9-12 Journalism: Investigative Journalism: Writing
K-5 ELA: Reading	9-12 Performing Arts: Vocal Solo/Ensemble	9-12 Performing Arts: Vocal Solo/Ensemble	9-12 English: Senior I & II	9-12 Journalism: Investigative Journalism: Multimedia
K-5 ELA: Writing				

8-9 Performing Arts Class I	9-12 Performing Arts Marketing Band	9-10 Journalism Publications
8-9 ELAS	9-12 Performing Arts Music Production	9-12 Journalism Photography
8-9 ELA T	9-12 Performing Arts Symphonic Band	9-12 ELA Handwriting
8-9 ELA R	9-12 Performing Arts Theatre Orchestra	9-12 Officiant
	9-12 Performing Arts Wind Ensemble	
	9-12 Physical Education Aquatics I	
	9-12 Physical Education Weightlifting Training	
	9-12 Physical Education Aerobics/Sports Dance & Fitness	
	9-12 Extension Creative Writing	
	9-12 Extension Debate	
	9-12 Extension Mythology	
	9-12 Student Journalism (Weekly News, Yearly)	
	9-12 English: Public Speaking	
	AP United States History	
	9-12 Extension Introduction to APCS	
	9-12 PACS Independent Fashion	

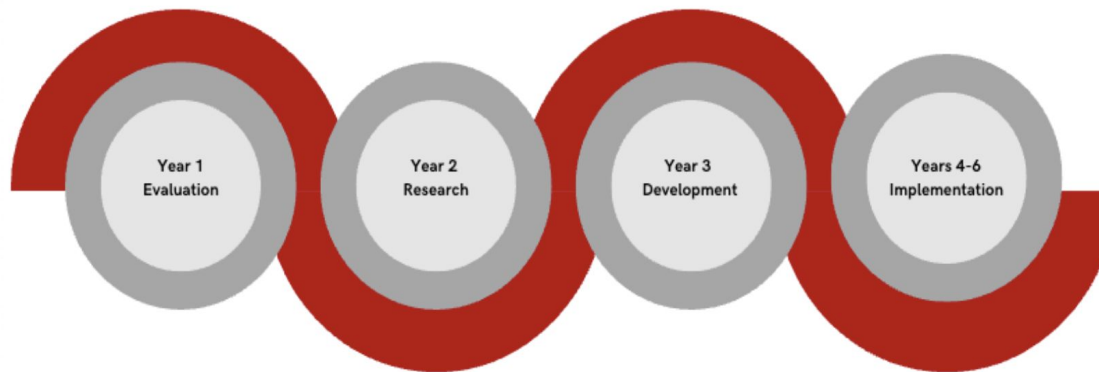
A Cycle of Continuous Improvement



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Rigorous

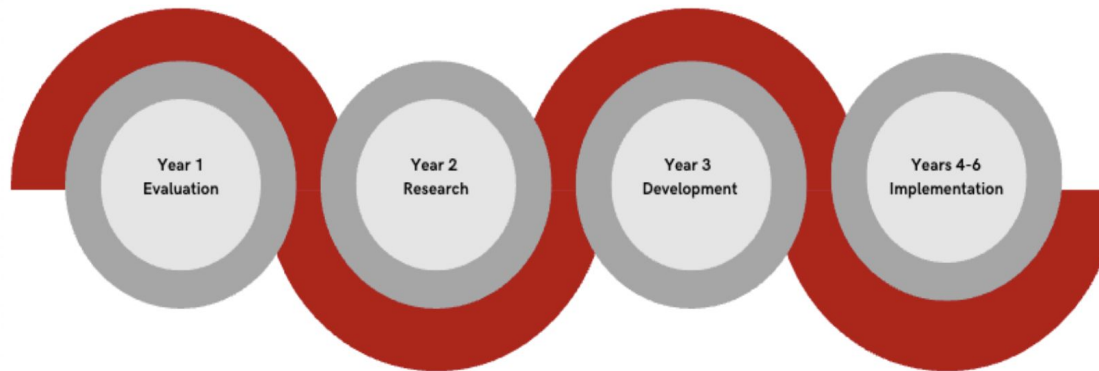
Data-driven decision making



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Missouri state standards & KSD Curriculum

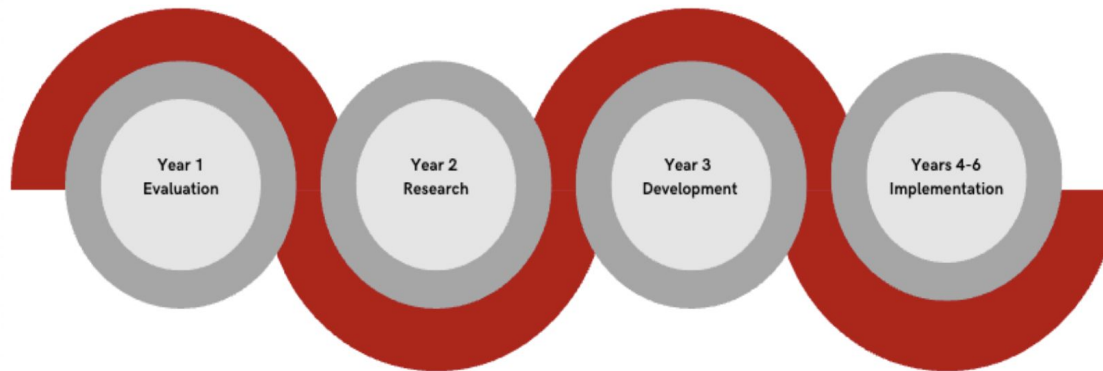
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Local

Written by our teachers



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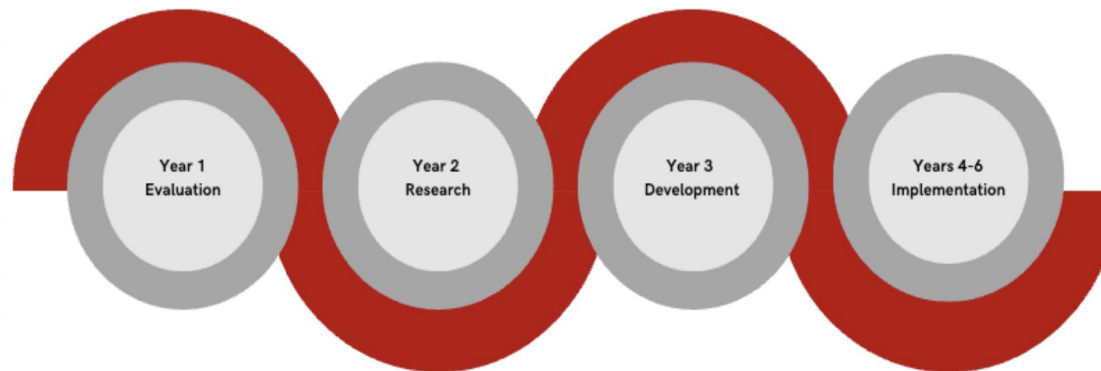
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Continuous refinement

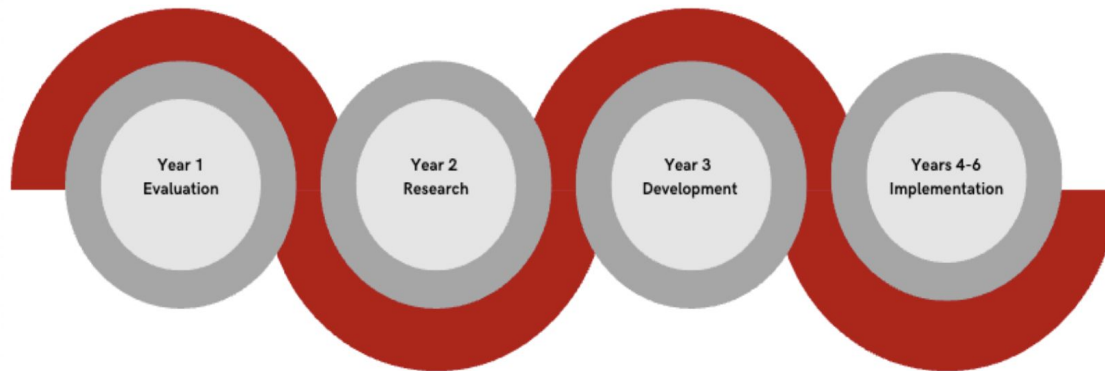
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Board Policy IF-AP(1)

After feedback is provided, the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction may recommend:

- Additional review and revision by the curriculum writing team,
or
- Review and approval by the Board of Education

The Board of Education may:

- Adopt the curriculum, or
- Request further review before adoption is considered

Important Dates

Curriculum Group	CRC Meeting	Board Work Session (1st Reading)	Board Business Meeting (2nd Reading)
Group A	January 22	February 2	February 23
Group B	February 19	March 9	March 30
Group C	April 16	May 4	May 18

Our Work Today

Curriculum Review Committee

1. Presentation of Course Overview
2. Read & Review Curriculum
3. Discuss
4. Provide Feedback

Group A

New or Updated Courses:

KHS Walking for Fitness - new course
KHS Yoga for Fitness and Wellbeing - new course
KHS Lifetime Fitness
K-5 Physical Education

Courses in Development with no changes:

KHS AP Statistics
KHS AP Calculus AB
KHS AP Calculus BC
KHS Discrete Math A/B
Middle School 6-8 Journalism

