Book	Policy Manual
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Purpose

The Board recognizes that education is a vital function of the state and community. The school community, through the strategic planning process, shall be encouraged to participate in the development of the educational goals and academic standards established for this school district. [1][2]

Definition

Academic standards - ~~shall be defined as what a student should know and be able to do at a specified grade level; they shall describe the knowledge and skills students will be expected to demonstrate in order to graduate~~ means what a student should know and be able to do at a specified grade level. For purposes of this policy, the term academic standards encompasses Pennsylvania Core Standards, state academic standards and local academic standards.[3][4]

Authority

The Board shall establish academic standards for District students to attain, in accordance with those adopted by the State Board of Education. Said standards and content areas shall be contained in an accompanying Administrative Regulation, and said regulation shall be reviewed annually to ensure the content areas are updated. ~~, and where applicable, national standards such as Common Core Standards, in the following content areas:~~[5][2]

1. ~~Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening.~~
2. ~~Mathematics.~~
3. ~~Science and Technology.~~
4. ~~Environment and Ecology.~~
5. ~~Social Studies - to include history, geography, civics and government, and economics.~~
6. ~~Arts and Humanities.~~
7. ~~Career Education and Work.~~

~~8. Health, Safety and Physical Education.~~

~~9. Family and Consumer Science.~~

Guidelines

The District's curriculum shall be designed to provide students with the planned instruction needed to attain established academic standards.

The District shall assess individual student attainment of established academic standards and provide assistance for students having difficulty attaining academic standards.

Students with disabilities may attain academic standards by completion of their Individualized Education Programs in accordance with law, regulations and Board policy.

Legal

1. 22 PA Code 4.4
2. 22 PA Code 4.13
3. 22 PA Code 4.3
4. 22 PA Code 4.11
5. 22 PA Code 4.12