

Policy IF: CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

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EXPLANATION

This policy was updated to comply with the sixth version of the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP 6, AS1) and Senate Bill 681 (2022).

The board of education recognizes that curriculum development provides one of the most effective means of improving the quality of instructional programs and must be adjusted to meet the needs of the students as well as the expectations of the community. The board directs the instructional staff to implement a curriculum for all instructional courses.

1. The curriculum will align externally to all Missouri Learning Standards and the English learning development standards and internally among grade levels and courses.
2. Written, taught and assessed curricula must be aligned by the school leadership.
3. Each student has opportunities to excel under the curriculum.
4. Educators will provide learning opportunities aligned to the district curriculum and set clearly identified and communicated learning targets.

Curriculum Development and Review

The superintendent will initiate a curriculum development and review program, which that will require various administrative and instructional staff (including prekindergarten staff) participation at the building and district levels as well as and involvement from parents/guardians, members of the community and students. The board will review and approve each district-developed curriculum guide developed by the district.

The district will provide resources and administrative support for curriculum development, evaluation and revision. The district will devise a systematic plan will be established whereby to regularly review each curricular area will be reviewed regularly, based on actual student needs and indications of student mastery, the district's assessments and other available data. The basic responsibility for this review process will rest with the superintendent or designee. Individuals who are well qualified in a designated area of study will be appointed by the superintendent or his or her designee to a curriculum review committee for the designated curricular area.

The curriculum review committee will study, revise and/or develop curriculum programs and guides for its specific area of study. During the review process the committee may solicit community and student opinion relative to the content area. The committee should develop a curriculum project that meets the following guidelines:

- Articulates the curriculum content on a districtwide basis, K-12.
- Is written in specific terms and can be used by the respective professional staff members.
- Uses effective methods for presenting the materials to the students.
- Uses instructional materials that are effectively coordinated with the curriculum guides and programs.
- Makes use of current supplementary and enrichment materials.
- Uses technology to empower learning.

The selection and adoption of instructional materials are primarily based on the programs described in the curriculum guides developed by the individual curriculum review committees. The curriculum review process should be completed the year prior to the fiscal year where funds are allocated to purchase instructional materials related to the curriculum content area developed.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State References

160.514, .516, RSMo.

5 C.S.R. 20-100.125, Appx. A.

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State Statute -

<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/slshVClyWU73Tdpv4JZYxrPDw==>

State Regulation -

<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/slshZ8dS4plusrXCHwtLsPVVSCOW==>

MSIP References

AS-1

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MSIP STANDARDS -

<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/zx66ZtXCyB4hKZEmfEnElw==>

Cross References

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SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION -

<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/NV6YsdzX62wTAGPtYxxJA==>

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STAFF INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING -

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