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**POLICY 104 – CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

**1. Purpose**

The Board recognizes its responsibility for the development, assessment and improvement of the educational program of the schools. To this end, the curriculum shall be evaluated, adapted and developed on a continuing basis and in accordance with a plan for curriculum improvement.

**2. Definition**

For purposes of this policy, “curriculum” shall be defined as a series of planned instruction that is coordinated, articulated and implemented to result in achievement of specific knowledge and skills, and application of such knowledge, by all students.

**3. Authority**

The Board is responsible for the curriculum of the district’s schools. The curriculum shall be designed to provide students the opportunity to achieve the academic standards established by the Board.

In order to provide a quality educational program for district students, the Board shall adopt a curriculum plan that includes the requirements for courses to be taught; subjects to be taught in the English language; courses adapted to the age, development and needs of students; and a remediation plan for students not achieving proficiency.

**4. Guidelines**

The district’s curriculum shall provide the following:

- a. Consistency with written goals, objectives and identified student needs.
- b. Continuous learning through effective articulation among the schools of this district.
- c. Continuous access for all students to sufficient programs and services of a library/media facility and classroom collection to support the educational program.
- d. Guidance and counseling services for all students to assist in career and academic planning.
- e. A continuum of educational programs and services for all students with disabilities, pursuant to law and regulation.
- f. Limited English Proficiency Programs for students whose dominant language is not English, pursuant to law and regulation.

- g. Compensatory educational programs for students, pursuant to law and regulation.
- h. Equal educational opportunity for all students, pursuant to law and regulation.
- i. Career awareness and vocational education, pursuant to law and regulation.
- j. Educational opportunities for exceptionally-gifted students.
- k. Regular and continuous instruction in required safety procedures.

**5. Delegation of Responsibility**

As the educational leader of the district, the Superintendent shall be responsible to the Board for the development of curriculum. S/He shall establish procedures for curriculum development which ensure the utilization of available resources, and effective participation of administrators, teaching staff members, students, community members and Board members.

A listing of all curriculum materials shall be made available for the information of parents/guardians, students, staff and Board members.

With Board approval, the Superintendent may conduct pilot programs as deemed necessary to the continuing improvement of the instructional program and shall report periodically to the Board on the status of each pilot program, along with its objectives, evaluative criteria and costs.

The Board encourages, where it is feasible and in the best interest of district students, participation in state-initiated pilot programs of educational research.

The Board directs the Superintendent to pursue actively state and federal aid in support of research activities.

**6. References**

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec 1512

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.3, 4.4, 4.12, 4.13, 4.21, 4.22, 4.23, 4.25, 4.26, 4.27, 4.29, 4.82

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