

Instruction

Curriculum Design/Development/Adoption

The Superintendent of Schools shall insure development of school curriculum which meets the requirements set forth in Connecticut Statutes. The Superintendent of Schools shall review significant changes in curriculum with the Board of Education.

The curriculum of the Waterford Public Schools shall be in harmony with the goals of the Board of Education and state statute. Curriculum development shall be guided by the following factors:

1. Curriculum should reflect that latest thinking in the field, as reflected in educational research and publications of professional associations (national subject area committees).
2. Student achievement in the current curriculum should be used to shape any revisions. This information may be gathered from standardized tests or other assessment methods.
3. Curriculum should reflect the diverse needs and interests of Waterford students, not simply college-bound students.
4. The scope of the curriculum should be such that it can be taught in the time allocated for the subject or course, and such time allocation should be noted in the curriculum.
5. The curriculum should be sequenced to avoid unnecessary duplication of content.
6. Curriculum should foster respect for cultural diversity where applicable.

The Board of Education shall provide opportunities for active faculty participation in curriculum development through such devices as curriculum committees, workshops, study groups, and assistance from outside consultants.

The Board of Education reserves the responsibility for establishing curricula for the school system.

Teachers shall teach within the approved curricula.

Curriculum Adoption

Major changes in course content or level of instruction shall require prior approval of the Board. No new program of instruction shall commence without Board approval.

Minor revisions may be made by the administration.

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Curriculum Design/Development/Adoption (continued)

(cf. 6121 - Affirmative Action: Instructional Program)

(cf. 6161 - Instructional Materials: Provision/Selection/Care)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-15 Towns to maintain schools.

10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by five-year olds.

10-16b Prescribed courses of study.

10-18 Courses in United States history, government and duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

10-18a Contents of textbooks and other general instructional materials.

10-19 Effect of alcohol, nicotine or tobacco and drugs to be taught. Training of personnel. Evaluation of programs by alcohol and drug-abuse commission and department of education.

10-21 Vocational guidance.

10-24 Course in motor vehicle operation and highway safety.

10-221a High school graduation requirements.