

## **Instruction**

### **BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

**6142(a)**

The basic instructional program shall be prescribed by the Board and be in accordance with the law.

Although learning experiences offered students vary according to their individual needs and abilities, the instructional program will be designed to give all students a common body of skills, understandings, attitudes, and knowledge needed for living in a democratic society.

As required by law, the District shall provide a program of instruction, which shall include at least the following subject matter as taught by legally qualified teachers:

- the arts
- career education
- consumer education
- health and safety, including, but not limited to:
  - human growth and development;
  - nutrition;
  - first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training;
  - disease prevention; cancer awareness, including instruction in performing self-examination for breast and testicular cancer;
  - community and consumer health;
  - physical, mental and emotional health, including youth suicide prevention;
  - teen dating violence awareness and prevention, including sexual harassment and assault;
  - substance abuse prevention;
  - the safe use of social media, as defined in C.G.S. 9-601, that may include the dangers of gang membership;
  - accident prevention;
  - instruction on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)
- language arts, including reading, writing, grammar, speaking and spelling
- mathematics
- physical education
- science
- social studies, including, but not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography, government and history
- computer programming instruction
- one or more world languages (on at least secondary level)
- vocational education (on at least secondary level)

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### **BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM (continued)**

**6142(b)**

World languages shall include American Sign Language provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under the supervision of a certified teacher.

The “arts” means any form of visual or performing arts which may include, but not be limited to, dance, music, art and theatre.

In addition to these curriculum areas, the Board provides an instructional program in Business Education, Library Media, including Information and Technology Literacy Skills, and Technology Education.

The implementation of these programs shall be the responsibility of the school principals/headmasters with the support of building-based and Central Office administrators, coordinators and liaisons.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-16b Prescribed courses of study. (as modified by PA 97-45, PA 97-61, PA 08-153, PA 11-136, PA 14-234, PA 15-17, PA 15-94, PA 15-138, and PA 16-188)

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

10-19 Teaching about alcohol, nicotine or tobacco, drugs, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Training of personnel.

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