

## **Instruction**

### **CURRICULUM**

**6140(a)**

The curricula of the schools shall be in accordance with the Board of Education's adopted goals and legal requirements. The curriculum design shall be a PK-12 program with appropriate articulation between all levels PK-12.

A program of continuing improvement and development of the curriculum shall be in effect. Curriculum development by the certified staff shall include such factors as the following:

- Board of Education input prior to curriculum review on expectations;
- actual studies and information concerning the needs of students in this school district;
- the range of abilities, aptitudes, and interests of the students;
- input from residents of the school district;
- updates in alignment with the curriculum review cycles; and
- avoidance of discrimination.

Fairfield Public Schools shall provide a program of instruction and curriculum that will be in accordance with Connecticut State Statute 10-16b and taught by legally qualified teachers.

The Board of Education has the responsibility for establishing and approving curricula for the school district. A District Curriculum Committee will be established by the Superintendent. This committee has the responsibility to recommend, develop, review, and bring forward all curriculum to the Board. Teachers shall teach within the approved curricula.

The Board of Education supports opportunities for faculty to consult and assist in curriculum development through workshops, study groups, assistance from outside consultants, and an extended school year to allow teachers to work on curriculum during the summer.

Periodic reports, including planned pilot programs, shall be made to the Board of Education.

The Administrative Regulations shall not be revised without prior approval of the Board of Education.

Legal Reference:        Connecticut General Statutes  
                                 10-15 Towns to maintain schools  
                                 10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited  
                                 10-16b Prescribed courses of study  
                                 10-16c et seq. re Family life education  
                                 10-17 English language to be medium of instruction

10-17 et seq. re Bilingual instruction  
10-18 Courses in United States history, government and duties, and responsibilities of citizenship  
10-18a Contents of textbooks and other general instructional materials  
10-18b et seq. re Firearms safety programs  
10-19 Effect of alcohol, nicotine, or tobacco and drugs to be taught  
10-19a et seq. re Substance abuse prevention team  
10-221a High school graduation requirements  
10-21 et seq. re Vocational education and cooperation with business  
10-220 Duties of boards of education as amended by PA 08-153  
PA 22-80 An Act Concerning Childhood Mental and Physical Health Services in School

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