

Brick Township Board of Education District Policy

Instructional Program

Series 6000

Curriculum Design / Development

Policy 6141

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The Superintendent of Schools shall be responsible to the Board for the development of curriculum to meet identified pupil needs. He/she shall establish procedures for curriculum development that ensure the effective participation of teaching staff member; pupils, as appropriate to their age and grade; parents/guardians; the community, members of the Board; and the use of all available resources. Care shall be taken that certified staff shall not be assigned to teach material outside the limits of their certification and endorsements.

The Superintendent of Schools shall report to the Board the objectives, evaluative criteria and costs of each proposed program before seeking Board adoption. The Board shall not act upon new programs and courses of study until the meeting following their presentation, in order for Board members to have an opportunity to review the proposed program.

Criteria by which the Board will judge the acceptability of new course offerings include:

- A. Does it address an identified pupil need?
- B. Is it relevant to the Board's philosophy and goals and does it offer real possibilities for progress toward these goals?
- C. Does it satisfy the requirements of the Board's school and classroom practices regarding bias and stereotyping?
- D. If the proposed course replaces an existing program, what defect in the previous program is it designed to overcome?
- E. Does it include the criteria by which progress can be measured?
- F. Does it address the necessary study skills and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards?
- G. Has it been thoroughly studied and/or tested by district staff or by another district? What were the results?
- H. Has a curriculum been completed? If not, when can it be expected?
- I. Have the associated textbooks been recommended to the Board?
- J. Have the costs and time of implementation been reviewed, including in-service training?

Legal References

NJAC 6A:8-3.1 et seq. Implementation of the Core Curriculum Content Standards
6A:10A-3.1 et. seq. School district-led standards-based instruction
6A:30-1.1 et seq. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
Old Bridge Education Association v. Board of Education of the Township of Old Bridge,
Middlesex County