

Curriculum ServicesCurriculum Planning

The plan for curriculum development will address all requirements indicated by the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993 including the Show-Me-Standards: Section 160.514, RSMo and Code of State Regulations, 5 CSR 50-375.100. These standards include performance (process) standards and knowledge (content) standards. All curriculum developed by the District shall satisfy moving District students toward achieving Missouri's definition of what students should know and be able to do by the time they graduate from high school.

A systematic plan will be established whereby each curricular area will be reviewed. The basic responsibility for this review process will rest with the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Individuals who are well qualified in each content area will be assigned by the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction to a curriculum review committee for the designated curricular area.

The curriculum review committee will study, revise and/or develop curriculum programs and guides for its specific area of study. During the review process the committee will solicit community and student opinion relative to the content area. The committee should develop a curriculum project that meets the following guidelines:

1. Articulation of the curriculum content and DESE grade level expectations on a District wide basis, K-12.
2. The development of materials that are written in specific terms and can be used by the respective professional staff members.
3. The use of effective methods for presenting the materials to the students.
4. The use of textbooks that are effectively coordinated with the curriculum guides and programs.
5. The use of current supplementary and enrichment materials.

The selection and adoption of textbooks are primarily based on the programs described in the curriculum guides developed by the individual curriculum review committees. The curriculum review process should be completed the year prior to the fiscal year where funds are allocated to purchase textbooks related to the curriculum content area developed.

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