CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Rapid social change, technological development, and expansion of knowledge are facts of contemporary life. Public education must respond appropriately. Therefore, it is imperative that individual schools, the school system as a whole, and the School Committee continuously review and evaluate existing programs and practices, and adjust, modify, or change them if necessary. Therefore:

- 1. The School Committee expects the administration and faculty to be perpetually sensitive to changing conditions that may require changes in curriculum
- 2. The School Committee expects all programs to be under continuous evaluation to see that they meet the needs of children
- 3. The School Committee expects the school system to undertake intensive curriculum evaluation and revision in certain areas from time to time as the need for this is demonstrated.

The School Committee will hear regular reports on district programs and ongoing curriculum study and revision. It authorizes the administration to organize committees to periodically review the curriculum and advise the superintendent/assistant superintendent on curriculum changes. School Committee members shall be informed of committee formation and invited to participate.

Staff curriculum committees or task forces to study particular subjects may also be established. The superintendent/assistant superintendent shall direct and provide creative leadership to staff curriculum committees and shall coordinate their efforts toward achieving the instructional goals set by the School Committee. He/she shall also be responsible for publishing curriculum guides approved by the School Committee.

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