

POLICY

SOMERSET COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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1. PURPOSE

To establish uniformity in curriculum guides and courses of study.

2. PROCESS

- A. The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to establish a standardized curriculum in all subjects and at all grade levels in the public schools. These curricula will present outcomes, indicators, benchmark expectations, diverse content and a variety of instructional and assessment approaches.
- B. Written curriculum guides and courses of study will be:
 - (1) Prepared for each area of instruction.
 - (2) Implemented through the administration in each school.
 - (3) Reviewed periodically and revised as appropriate.
 - (4) Used by teachers to guide instruction.
 - (5) Stored in electronic format and prepared in sufficient quantities for school system distribution and for sale and/or exchange with other school systems or educational institutions.
 - (6) Be free of sex bias, stereotyping, and other forms of bias
 - (7) Available for review by parents and other interested community members.

Annotated Code of Maryland:
4-111, 4-205