

POLICY

SOMERSET COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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1. PURPOSE

To establish procedure for curriculum review.

2. PROCESS

- A. The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to prepare students to live in and perpetuate our democratic society. Furthermore, it recognizes that to ensure equal opportunity for students of diverse backgrounds, a dynamic curriculum is needed to meet the changing and diverse needs of the students as well as to ensure their full, rounded and continued development.
- B. The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to organize committees to periodically review and revise the curriculum.
- C. Curriculum projects will be developed utilizing the following guidelines:
 - (1) The curriculum will be consistent with the adopted philosophy of education of the school system.
 - (2) The curriculum will be written in a language consistent with state outcomes.
 - (3) The curriculum will contain all courses required by the Maryland State Department of Education.
 - (4) The principal, as instructional leader in a building, will take the lead in ensuring that the adopted curriculum is implemented.

- (5) The curriculum will provide for the needs of all students.
 - a) Be free of sex bias, stereotyping, and other forms of bias
 - (6) Creativity and innovation in curriculum development will be encouraged.
 - (7) No basic course of study will be eliminated or new courses added without approval of the Board.
 - (8) The curriculum will be written in such a manner as to foster affective as well as cognitive and psychomotor growth in students.
 - (9) Curriculum guides will be provided for the various subject areas. These guides will present at least a minimum outline for instruction and a basis for the future development of the particular course.
 - (10) The superintendent will implement an ongoing cycle of curriculum review.
- D. The superintendent will implement a process for the design, development and dissemination of the curriculum.