

DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Danbury, Connecticut

POLICY

CURRICULUM

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The Board has the responsibility for maintaining a planned, systematic and on-going program of instruction as mandated by State Statutes and for initiating appropriate improvements.

The curricula of the schools shall be in alignment with the Board of Education's adopted goals and legal requirements.

Curriculum development initiatives shall be guided by such factors as the following:

1. A global concept of education, designed to provide educational experiences that promote lifelong learning and the ability to successfully participate in a multi-cultural society.
2. Current educational research findings regarding the best instructional practice.
3. Studies and information concerning the cognitive, affective and psychomotor needs of students in the school district.
4. The range of abilities, aptitudes and interests of the students.
5. Aspirations of the community for the students of the school district.

Opportunities shall be provided for staff to consult and assist in curriculum development initiatives through such activities as workshops, study groups and subject area committees. Assistance from outside consultants and, where appropriate, community volunteers shall also be utilized in curriculum development. Curriculum guides shall be prepared in compliance with the legal requirements of State and reflect alignment with the purposes of the program of instruction adopted by the Board.

The Superintendent shall have general coordinating authority and oversight over the formation of all courses of study and curriculum guides and through the administrative and teaching staff, shall insure that the curriculum is effectively implemented, evaluated and coordinated throughout the school district.

The Board of Education expects its faculty and administration regularly to evaluate the education program. Such evaluation may be expected to lead to recommendations for modifications of practice, changes in content and new courses.

The Superintendent shall establish and maintain a systematic on-going plan for curriculum development in the district and report to the Board on an annual basis.