

## Instruction

### CURRICULUM

6140(a)

The curricula of the schools shall be in accord with the Board of Education's adopted goals and legal requirements. The curriculum design shall be a PK-12 program with appropriate articulation between elementary and middle schools, and between middle and high schools.

A program of continuing improvement and development of the curriculum shall be in effect. Curriculum development by the certified staff shall be guided by the document *Curriculum Development in the Fairfield Public Schools, Framework and Procedures*, and such factors as the following:

- actual studies and information concerning the needs of students in this school district;
- the range of abilities, aptitudes, and interests of the students;
- input from residents of the school district; and
- avoidance of discrimination.

The Board of Education has the responsibility for establishing curricula for the school district. A District Curriculum Committee will be established by the Superintendent. This committee has the responsibility to recommend, develop, review, and approve all curriculum for the District and said curriculum shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Education. Teachers shall teach within the approved curricula.

The Board of Education supports opportunities for faculty to consult and assist in curriculum development through workshops, study groups, assistance from outside consultants, and an extended school year to allow teachers to work on curriculum during the summer.

Periodic reports, including planned pilot programs, shall be made to the Board of Education.

The Board of Education adopts the Administrative Regulations 6200AR dated June 26, 2013. The Administrative Regulations 6200AR dated June 26, 2013 shall not be revised without prior approval of the Board of Education.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
10-15 Towns to maintain schools  
10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited  
10-16b Prescribed courses of study  
10-16c et seq. re Family life education  
10-17 English language to be medium of instruction  
10-17 et seq. re Bilingual instruction

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**CURRICULUM** (continued)

**6140(b)**

Legal Reference: 10-18 Courses in United States history, government and duties, and  
(continued) responsibilities of citizenship  
10-18a Contents of textbooks and other general instructional materials  
10-18b et seq. re Firearms safety programs  
10-19 Effect of alcohol, nicotine, or tobacco and drugs to be taught  
10-19a et seq. re Substance abuse prevention team  
10-221a High school graduation requirements  
10-21 et seq. re Vocational education and cooperation with business  
10-220 Duties of boards of education as amended by PA 08-153

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