

INNOVATION IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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The board welcomes new and innovative ideas in curriculum as additional opportunities to achieve the goals and objectives of the educational program. The school district and individual schools are encouraged to pursue innovative programs and to take advantage of community resources in order to enhance and enrich the learning process. In addition, the board believes that parental involvement is vital to the development and implementation of new programs and encourages the school district and schools to actively involve parents in innovative projects.

The board encourages schools to use resources in the community, including businesses, which can effectively contribute to the advancement of educational goals. Resource persons in the community may be used in the classroom to help with teaching the prescribed curriculum.

The superintendent shall periodically consult with local industries, employers, business advisory councils, and the local workforce development board to identify industry certification and credentials the board may offer to best meet workforce needs. The superintendent shall consider this information in planning the educational program.

Other innovative pilot programs may be initiated by the administrators of any school with the approval of the board. Such programs should be included in the proposed school improvement plan. If the program will modify the curriculum, the proposal must first be submitted to the curriculum committee in accordance with board policy 3100, Curriculum Development. If a school improvement plan is already in effect, school administrators may submit a modified plan for board approval. Board approval is required before implementation may take place.

All pilot projects and educational programs must comply with state and federal laws and regulations. Parents and guardians of children in the applicable federally funded programs have the right to inspect all instructional materials used in connection with such programs.

The superintendent will develop administrative regulations, as necessary, to implement this policy.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. 1232h; G.S. 115C art. 16; 115C-36, -47, -156.2(a),-157

Cross References: Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program (policy 3000), Curriculum Development (policy 3100), School Improvement Plan (policy 3430)

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