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Curriculum Development

The Board of Education recognizes the need and value of a systematic and on-going program of curriculum review. The Board encourages and supports the professional staff in its efforts to identify and review new curricular ideas, develop and improve existing programs and evaluate all instructional programs.

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent to continuously carry out the curriculum development and implementation process. As used in this Policy, curriculum is the process, attitudes, skills and knowledge that is taught and learned at the appropriate levels in District schools.

However, the Board of Education is responsible for the approval and adoption of curriculum used by the District.

Similarly, the Board may adopt the District's own education standards, in addition to those already adopted by the state, provided the additional standards are in the public domain and do not conflict with the standard adopted by the State Board of Education.

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Policy 6111

Curriculum Services

Curriculum Planning

The plan for curriculum development will address all requirements indicated by the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993 including the Show-Me-Standards: Section 160.514, RSMo and Code of State Regulations, 5 CSR 50-375.100. These standards include performance (process) standards and knowledge (content) standards. All curriculum developed by the District shall satisfy moving District students toward achieving Missouri's definition of what students should know and be able to do by the time they graduate from high school.

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Policy 6112

Curriculum Services

Curriculum Research

The Board of Education directs that all curriculum developed and/or adopted by the District shall be based on current research relative to how students best learn. Resources to be consulted include, but are not limited to, local or area universities, State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education services, Association for Supervision of Curriculum Development and similar national, state and/or local curriculum organizations. Every effort should be made to insure that District curriculum is current and based on sound educational research findings.

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Curriculum Services

Curriculum Design

The design of District curriculum shall follow curriculum frameworks offered by the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education which are intended to provide assistance in aligning local curriculum with the Show-Me-Standards.

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Policy 6114

Curriculum Services

Curriculum Adoption

All curriculum developed by District staff shall be formally presented to the Board of Education for official approval before classroom implementation.

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Policy 6115

Curriculum Services

State Mandated Curriculum: American History

As provided by state law, the District's curriculum will include American History components.

American History courses at all levels will include instruction in the details and events of the racial equality movement that have resulted in major changes in the laws and attitudes of the United States and of Missouri. Instruction will be sequenced in the proper time line.

Every school shall devote one entire class period annually to an observance of the significance of Veteran's Day.

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Curriculum Services

State Mandated Curriculum: Human Sexuality

Any course materials and instruction related to human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases will be medically and factually accurate and will:

1. Provide instruction on human sexuality and HIV prevention that is age appropriate;
2. Present abstinence from sexual activity, as the preferred choice of behavior, in relation to all sexual activity for unmarried students.
3. Advise students that teenage sexual activity places them at a higher risk of dropping out of school;
4. Stress that sexually transmitted diseases are serious, possible health hazards of sexual activity;
5. Provide students with the latest medical information regarding exposure to human immunodeficiency virus, AIDS, human papilloma virus, hepatitis, and other sexually transmitted diseases;
6. Present students with the latest factually accurate information regarding the possible side effects and benefits of all forms of contraception;
7. Include discussions of the possible emotional and psychological consequences of preadolescent and adolescent sexual activity. Such discussions will include the consequences of adolescent pregnancy, the advantages of adoption, the adoption of special needs children, and the process involved in making an adoption plan;
8. Teach skills of conflict management, personal responsibility, and positive self-esteem. Instructions will include the prohibition against making unwanted sexual advances and methods to resist sexual advances and other negative peer pressures;
9. Advise students of the laws relating to their financial responsibility to children born out of wedlock and the criminal sanctions for statutory rape;
10. Not encourage or promote sexual activity;
11. Not distribute or aid in the distribution of legally obscene materials to minors on school property.
12. Teach students about the dangers of sexual predators, including on-line predators.

13. Teach students how to behave responsibly and remain safe on the Internet.
14. Teach students the importance of having open communications with responsible adults.
15. Teach students how to report an inappropriate activity to a responsible adult, and where appropriate, to law enforcement, Federal Bureau of Investigations or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline.
16. Teach students about the consequences, both personal and legal, of inappropriate text messaging, including texting among friends.

The parents/guardians of each student will be advised of:

1. The content of the District's human sexuality instruction;
2. Their right to remove their student from any part of the District's human sexuality instruction.

The District's human sexuality curriculum will be available for public examination prior to its use in actual instruction. Consideration will be given to separating students by gender for human sexuality instruction.

The District will not permit any individual or organization that provides abortion services, to offer, sponsor, or furnish course materials related to human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases.

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Policy 6117

Curriculum Services

Veteran's Day Commemoration

Each District school will devote at least one class period in preparation for Veteran's Day in order to convey the meaning and significance of Veteran's Day. In addition, the Board may annually designate Veteran's Day as a school holiday.

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Policy 6120

Curriculum Services

Curriculum Guides

Written curriculum guides shall be developed and Board approved for implementation in the following areas K-12:

1. English/Language Arts
2. Social Studies
3. Mathematics
4. Science
5. Foreign Language
6. Health, Safety and Physical Education
7. Fine Arts (Visual and Performing Arts)
8. Practical Arts and Vocational Programs (Business, Industrial Technology, and Family and Consumer Science)
9. Counseling and Guidance

Health education is to include drug education and AIDS education as mandated by federal legislation.

Curriculum Guides at all levels will include a philosophy statement and sections defining behavioral goals and objectives reflecting content standards, teaching resources, and evaluation criteria reflecting performance standards. Each Guide will include strategies for interdisciplinary studies and cooperative classroom implementation.

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Policy 6130

Curriculum Services

Drug Education

The Board of Education understands that parents/guardians, educators, students and other community members are seriously concerned about the adverse effects of drug abuse on the individual and society. Furthermore, the Board believes that effective drug education programs require both the acquisition of knowledge and the development of positive personal values. Both the school and other community agencies must share in the development and conduct of programs to alleviate the problems of drug abuse.

Therefore, the School District will abide by the following:

1. Be concerned with the education of all areas of drug and alcohol abuse.
2. Establish and maintain a realistic, meaningful drug and alcohol education program that will be incorporated in the total educational program.
3. Establish and maintain an ongoing in-service drug and alcohol education program for school personnel.
4. Cooperate with government and private agencies offering services related to drug and alcohol problems.
5. Encourage and support activities that will develop a positive peer influence in the area of drugs and alcohol.
6. Create a climate whereby students may seek and receive counseling about drugs and alcohol and related problems without fear of reprisal.
7. Follow federal mandates concerning drug and alcohol education.

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Policy 6140

Curriculum Services

Services for Students with Disabilities

The District does not utilize a separate curriculum for students with disabilities. It is the policy of the District to implement a program of regular and special education based on the individualized needs of each disabled student. The District will provide special education and/or related services to students with disabilities in accordance with applicable law, including the IDEA, its implementing regulations, the Missouri State Plan for Part B of the IDEA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, its implementing regulations, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For students identified as disabled under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), each student's IEP team will develop an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) that will address how that student's disability affects that student's involvement and progress in the general curriculum. Each student's IEP team also will, in accordance with IDEA, create an IEP that includes a statement of the special education, related services and supplementary aides and services that will enable the student to be involved in and make progress in the general educational curriculum.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6145
(Regulation 6145)

Curriculum Services

Service Animals in Schools

The District recognizes that service animals may be used to provide assistance to qualified individuals with disabilities. This policy governs the presence of service animals in the District's buildings, on school property (including school buses), and at school activities. The Board of Education adopts this policy to ensure that individuals with disabilities are permitted to participate in and benefit from District programs, activities and services, and to ensure that the District does not discriminate on the basis of disability.

Qualified students and/or adults with disabilities may be accompanied by a "service animal" on school property, in school buildings, and at school functions when required by law and subject to the conditions of this Policy.

Service Animals

Under federal law, a "service animal" means "any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual or other mental disability." Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition (See, however, provisions on miniature horses below). The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the handler's disability. The crime deterrent effects of an animal's presence and the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of this definition.

Under Missouri law, the term "service dog" is defined as "any dog specifically trained to assist a person with a physical disability by performing necessary physical tasks which the person cannot perform. Such tasks shall include, but not be limited to, pulling a wheelchair, retrieving items, and carrying supplies.

The District will permit the use of a miniature horse as a service animal if: (1) the miniature horse has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability.

In determining whether to permit the use of a miniature horse as a service animal, the District will consider: (1) the type, size and weight of the miniature horse and whether the facility can accommodate these features; (2) whether the handler has sufficient control of the miniature horse; (3) whether the miniature horse is housebroken; and (4) whether the miniature horse's presence compromises legitimate safety requirements that are necessary for the safe operation of the facility. All additional requirements outlined in this Policy which apply to service animals, shall apply to miniature horses.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6150

Curriculum Services

Curriculum for At-Risk Students

The Board of Education directs that curriculum be developed to meet the needs of students at risk of failure. This curriculum is to include strategies infused in all areas of regular education, K - 12, to address the special needs of students at-risk due to disadvantaged backgrounds.

As provided by state and federal guidelines and funds, the Board directs the administration to utilize funds from ESEA, Title I and state programs for alternative education, among others, as resources for curriculum development for students at-risk.

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Policy 6160

Curriculum Services

Curriculum for Gifted and Talented Students

The Board of Education directs that curriculum be developed to meet the needs of students who have been identified as gifted and talented by multi-criteria assessment developed by professional staff. This curriculum is to include strategies infused in all areas of regular education, K- 12, as well as specific curriculum designed to enrich the regular curriculum in order to meet the challenge of educating the gifted student.

The Board directs the Administration to seek whatever resources are available to develop curriculum and programs in this area, including Department of Elementary and Secondary resources for Gifted and Talented Education.

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Policy 6170

Curriculum Services

Early Childhood Education

The critical importance of the early years in determining the educational development of children is recognized by the Board. When financial and physical resources permit, programs designed to help meet the physical, emotional, social and intellectual needs of preschool age children are authorized. The Board of Education may establish preschool and post-school programs in accordance with law. When these programs are established, the Board directs that written curriculum be developed to direct the services offered to prekindergarten age children.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6180
(Form 6180)

Curriculum Services

English Language Learner (ELL)

The Board of Education is committed to identifying and assessing the educational needs of students whose native or home language is other than English. Once identified, the District will provide appropriate programs to address the needs of these students. Students entitled to considerations under this policy include:

1. Language Minority (LM) - students who come from a background where English is not the student's first language, or where the primary language of the home is not English or both.
2. Limited English Proficient (LEP) - Students whose English language skills are insufficient to lead to success in an English-only classroom.

The District will also take steps to ensure to the maximum extent practicable that the interests of ELL students are included in the development and implementation of District programs and services that are offered by the District to and for its student body.

To ensure that parents/guardians are properly notified of the ELL program, all new and enrolling students are to be given the Student Home Language Survey (Form 6180). The form shall be completed and returned to the school by the parents/guardians if they feel their child may be in need of such services.

STUDENTS

Policy 6190

Student Academic Achievement

Virtual Instruction Program

The District will participate in the State's Virtual Instruction Program (MoVIP). MoVIP offers District students the opportunity to participate in free or tuition-paid online courses in a variety of grade level and content areas from kindergarten through grade 12. District students who wish to enroll in the Missouri virtual school must first enroll in the public school of residence.

MoVIP courses may be taken during the school day or outside of the school day. The number of credits that a student may earn during any academic period will not be limited by the District. Students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to meet with school counselors to develop an educational program, including MoVIP courses, which best meets the individual needs of District students. Students participating in MoVIP courses will have access to District facilities and technology which are otherwise available to students participating in the regular school program. The District does not provide equipment, Internet access, supplies, or materials to students participating in the Missouri Virtual School.

The District will receive notification from MoVIP concerning the percentage of work satisfactorily completed by each student for each virtual education class completed. District staff members will assign a grade and course credit depending upon the percentage of work satisfactorily completed for each class. In awarding credit and assigning grades, the District will apply the same standards for grade assignment and credit award as are applied to courses completed in the District's traditional curriculum. Credit toward meeting District graduation requirements will be awarded for MoVIP courses provided the work completed meets the academic standards required in the District's traditional educational program.

The District may also recognize and assign credit for courses offered through other electronic media courses such as satellite video courses, cable video courses, interactive education television consortium, and computer-driven or on-line courses. Students may also be awarded credit for satisfactorily completed course work from accredited institutions. In addition, the District may offer virtual courses that could take place outside of a District facility. The District will ensure that virtual courses purchased from outside vendors are aligned with the Show-Me curriculum standards and comply with state requirements for teacher certification. Students and their parents/guardians should consult with their school counselor to determine whether satisfactory completion of such work is eligible for award of District credit. This discussion should occur prior to enrollment in such programs.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6210

Instruction

Instructional Time

The primary focus of the District's staff and programs is maximization of student learning. While learning occurs as a result of extracurricular activities and as a result of non-structured interaction between students and between students and staff, most learning occurs as a result of planned learning activities during class time. Therefore, every effort will be made to minimize disruptions in instructional time. Public address announcements and pull out programs will be planned to avoid loss of critical instruction time.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6220

Instruction

Student Teachers and Interns

The Board of Education authorizes contractual arrangements to be made for the acceptance for training of student teachers from regularly accredited colleges and universities to the extent that the training of these student teachers will both enhance educational opportunities of the classroom students as well as provide a training opportunity for the student teacher.

Guidelines will be prepared for the direction of staff members in handling the student teacher program. These guidelines will also be written to provide a definite program for the improvement of the student teacher while assigned to the District.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6230
(Regulation 6230)

Instruction

Textbook Selection and Adoption

The Superintendent/designee will appoint a committee of teachers and administrators to review textbook offerings in specific instructional areas. The committee will submit its report together with its recommendation to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will consider the committee's report and make a recommendation to the Board for final approval.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6231
(Regulation 6231)

Instruction

Textbook Usage - Students

Textbooks on which assignments are based are to be available to each student. Under the guidance of the teacher and the rules for a particular class, a textbook should be available for the student to take home overnight or over a weekend so that the student may prepare homework assignments and so that the parents/guardians may see the textbook.

Textbooks and library books are to be treated with respect by the students, used wisely, cared for, and returned in good condition when the assignment or course is concluded. The student to whom a textbook or library book is issued will be held responsible for its return in good condition. A reasonable system of fines, penalties, or methods of repayment for a fair value of the book is to be developed. No student is to be penalized if the book is lost because of factors beyond his/her control.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6240

Instruction

Instructional Materials

The Superintendent/designee shall formulate administrative regulations as necessary to be included in faculty handbooks relative to the purchase and appropriateness of instructional materials. Guidelines relative to guest lecturers or presentations shall be included.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6241
(Regulation 6241)
(Form 6241)

Instruction

Challenged Materials

The Board has the ultimate responsibility for establishing the curriculum and for purchasing instructional and/or media materials to be used in the District. While the Board recognizes the right of students to free access to the many different types of books and instructional materials, the Board also recognizes the right of teachers and administrators to select books and other materials in accord with current trends in education and the established curriculum.

It is therefore the policy of the Board to require that books and other instructional materials shall be chosen for values of educational interest and the enlightenment of all students in the community. Instructional materials shall not be excluded on the basis of the writer's racial, nationalistic, political or religious views. Every effort will be made to provide materials that present all points of view concerning international, national and local problems and issues of our times. Books, or other instructional or media materials of sound factual authority, shall not be prescribed, nor removed from library shelves or classrooms on the basis of partisan or doctrinal approval or disapproval. The Board will strive to provide stimulating, effective materials that will be appropriate to the community's values and the students' abilities and maturity levels.

Instructional or media materials used in the District's educational program consist of various types of print and non-print materials. Despite the care taken to select those materials deemed to be educationally useful, occasional objections to the selection of instructional materials may be made by the public. However, the principles of academic freedom and the freedom to read must be defended, rather than the materials.

If a challenge is made, it should be properly channeled through guidelines and procedures established by the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6242

Instruction

Religious or Controversial Issues

Religious education is the responsibility of the home and church. The espousal by any teacher or staff member of any particular religious denomination or faith is strictly forbidden; however, teachers may teach about religion with information being presented at an appropriate maturity level for students.

No partisan political views may be espoused by any teacher or staff member; however, teachers may teach about political parties and politics as related to the governmental systems of the nation or world.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6243

Instruction

Copyrighted Materials

It is the intent of the Board to delineate, enforce, and abide by the provisions of current copyright laws and regulations as they affect the School District and its employees. The District will not purchase any videos, computer software, audio tapes, publications or other materials that have been illegally copied or reproduced.

Copyrighted materials, whether they are print or non-print, will not be duplicated unless such reproduction meets "fair use" standards, or unless written permission from the copyright holder has been received.

Details about "fair use" will be made available to all teachers. A summary of these standards will be posted or otherwise made easily available at each machine used for making copies.

The Board does not sanction illegal duplication in any form. Employees who willfully disregard the District's copyright position are in violation of Board policy; they do so at their own risk and assume all liability responsibility.

Any materials produced by an employee (or employees) during the time he/she is paid for production of said materials shall be owned by the School District, and any civil rights of authorship are forfeited with payment by the District for production of materials.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6250
(Regulation 6250)
(Form 6250)

Instruction

Instruction for Students with Disabilities

It is the policy of the District to provide a free appropriate public education to all public school students with disabilities. Students with disabilities are defined as those students who have one of the categorical disabilities as enumerated in the Missouri State Plan for Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and who are in need of special education services or who have a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The District will provide special education and/or other services to students with disabilities in accordance with applicable law, including the IDEA, and its amendments, Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973, §162.670-.995, RSMo., and Missouri's State Plan for Part B of the IDEA. For appeal procedures and information as to where to obtain a copy of the District's 504 Procedural Safeguards regarding identification, evaluation or educational placement of a student under Section 504, refer to Regulation 2110 - Equal Education Opportunity.

To obtain a copy of the District's IDEA procedural safeguards, including appeal procedures, please contact the district's Special Education Director.

When providing print materials to students with visual impairments, the District will adhere to the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standards (NIMAS) or will provide such print materials in timely fashion via high quality accessible materials.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6255
(Regulation 6255)

Instruction

Independent Educational Evaluation Policy for Disabled Students under the IDEA

The parent or legal guardian of a student with a disability pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (“IDEA”) or of a student suspected of having an IDEA disability has the right to obtain an independent evaluation subject to the provisions of this policy. The parent or legal guardian has the right to an independent educational evaluation at public expense if they disagree with an evaluation or any component of an evaluation obtained or conducted by the District. The parent or legal guardian may request one independent educational evaluation in response to each evaluation completed by the District. If the parent request for an independent evaluation comes one year or more from the date of the completion of the District’s evaluation, the District may seek to complete a reevaluation prior to paying for an independent educational evaluation.

Definitions:

1. An *independent educational evaluation* (IEE) means an evaluation conducted by a qualified examiner who is not employed by the District. An independent educational evaluation must meet the educational evaluation criteria used by the District when it initiates an evaluation to the extent those criteria are consistent with the parent’s right to an IEE.
2. *Public expense* means that the District either pays for the full cost of the evaluation or ensures that the evaluation is otherwise provided at no cost to the parent. The District may, therefore, use whatever State, local, Federal or private sources of financial support are available to pay for the costs of an independent educational evaluation.

A parent is not required to notify the District prior to obtaining an IEE. However, if the parent or legal guardian requests an independent educational at public expense, the District will request that the parent provide a reason why he or she objects to the District’s evaluation. In making that request, the District may not unreasonably delay either providing the requested independent educational evaluation at public expense or initiating a due process hearing to defend the District’s evaluation.

If a parent requests an independent educational evaluation at public expense, the District will, without unnecessary delay:

- (1) Provide the parent or legal guardian with a copy of this policy and the District’s IEE procedures; and
- (2) Provide the parent with information about where an IEE may be obtained within the parameters of this policy and the District’s procedures; and

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- (3) (a) ensure that an independent educational evaluation is provided at public expense; or
- (b) initiate a due process hearing to show that the District's evaluation is appropriate or that the IEE obtained by the parent did not meet District criteria.

If the District initiates a hearing and the final decision supports the appropriateness of the District's evaluation, the parent still has the right to an independent educational evaluation, but not at public expense.

If a parent or legal guardian obtains an IEE at private expense and presents that IEE to the District, the results of that evaluation must be considered by the District in any decision regarding the provision of a free appropriate public education to the student. In addition, any IEE obtained by the parents at private expense may be presented as evidence at a due process hearing regarding that student.

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Policy 6260

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Educational Surrogate

The Board of Education directs the Administration to determine whether a disabled student is in need of a surrogate parent within thirty (30) days of the date of notification that the student is living within District jurisdiction. The Administration is directed to notify the Division of Special Education at the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in writing within ten (10) days of the determination that such need exists.

The District designates the Special Education Director, who is responsible for overseeing the educational surrogate program in the District.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6270
(Regulation 6270)

Instruction

Instruction for At-Risk Students

The School District shall meet all federal and state requirements for identifying and providing services to educationally at-risk students.

At-risk students are those whose educational outcomes are in jeopardy because they are experiencing academic deficits, have become disaffected with school and learning, or impacted by other factors which impede education and social development.

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Policy 6271

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Instruction for Gifted and Talented Students

The Board of Education, recognizing the need for programs addressing the special needs of gifted and talented students, shall endeavor to provide the level of monetary support it deems proper to enhance programs for those students so identified. Procedures for the selection of programs and students will be developed by the professional staff and approved by the Board.

The District will not designate a student as “gifted” based upon the student’s participation in an advanced placement course or international baccalaureate course. Rather, such determinations will be made consistent with the statutorily defined phrase, “gifted children.”

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Policy 6272

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Instruction for Preschool Students

The Board of Education may endeavor to enter into programs for preschool children, as is provided for in the statutes of the State of Missouri, and subject to the rules and regulations of the specific legislation governing the administration of the program. The District shall attempt to provide an organization for continuous progress in education to fit the needs of individuals of the community within the limitations of District finances.

Within these limitations, the Board may provide school facilities for the purpose of maintaining and expanding programs and services for preschool children. Such programs shall be commensurate with the needs of the community. The Board may provide administrative, ancillary and other supportive services needed to enhance the quality of the preschool educational program.

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Policy 6273
(Regulation 6273)

Instruction

Instruction for Homeless Students

The Board of Education is committed to providing access to educational opportunities to eligible homeless students. Services will be provided consistent with federal law and with Missouri's state plan for the education of homeless children. (See also Policy and Regulation 2260 – Admission of Homeless Students.)

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Policy 6274

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Instruction for Migrant Students

The Superintendent will develop appropriate means to identify migrant students and to develop a plan to meet the educational needs of these children. Migrant students will be provided the full range of education and related services provided to other District students. (See also Policy and Regulation 2270 – Admission of Migrant Students.)

The educational plan may consist of the following:

1. Assess the educational ability of the student and determine an accurate grade placement, course assignments and any special education services that may be needed.
2. Identify any health and social needs and contact the appropriate public agencies for extended services.
3. Provide professional development activities for the teachers and support staff as related to migrant students.
4. Involve the parents in the educational program.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6275
(Regulation 6275)

Instruction

Instruction for Homebound Students

Homebound instructional programs will be administratively considered for non-disabled students who for health reasons are likely to be absent for more than ten school days. Decisions with respect to homebound instruction for disabled students under Section 504 or the IDEA are made by the students' 504 or IEP team. Please refer to Regulation 6275 for specific homebound procedures.

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Policy 6280

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Vocational and Technical Education

The Board of Education believes that vocational and technical education is critical to the development of skills necessary for satisfying careers. The underlying foundation for all academic courses should be the relationship of class concepts to practical job application. Occupational education shall encompass career awareness, career exploration and career preparation to include vocational training opportunities, either within the local high school(s) and/or local area vocational and technical schools.

District vocational programs shall meet all state and federal guidelines and requirements, including the formation and utilization of advisory councils in all areas.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6310
(Regulation 6310)

Libraries, Media and Technology Services

School Libraries

The Board believes that it is the responsibility of the District's library/media centers to provide materials which reflect the ideals and beliefs of religious, social, political, historical and ethnic groups, and their contributions to American and world cultures. Materials will be selected which are related to and support the District's curriculum. Selection of and access to library/media materials will be based upon the contribution to the education program and the age appropriateness of the materials.

Intellectual Access

The library/media program serves as a point of access to information and ideas for students as they acquire critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Students and educators served by the library/media program should have access to resources and services free of constraints resulting from artificial barriers. Artificial barriers should not prevent students from accessing and using resources except as defined by District policies and regulations, including but not limited to selection, acquisition and Internet usage policies and regulations.

Confidentiality

The District recognizes the need for confidentiality of school library records. Therefore, no person will release any library record of any student, faculty or other library user to any third party except as provided by law.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6320
(Regulation 6320)

Libraries, Media and Technology Services

Internet Safety Policy

A. Introduction

It is the policy of the District to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

B. Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

C. Internet Safety Training

In compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act, each year, all District students will receive internet safety training which will educate students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response. Such training will include Internet, cell phones, text messages, chat rooms, email and instant messaging programs. (See also Policy 6116 – State Mandated Curriculum – Human Sexuality).

D. Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the District’s online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications. Specifically, as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called ‘hacking,’ and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

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Evaluation of Instructional Programs

The Board of Education believes that maximizing the quality of District services and administrative decision-making requires the regular evaluation of all District programs. Evaluations may identify the success of District programs in meeting their objectives. Utilization of program evaluation should result in the improvement of District programs and will provide data for Board and staff decision-making. The Superintendent is directed to develop procedures for program evaluation and reporting.

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Test Security

All standardized testing materials shall be stored, distributed and collected according to procedures that insure the security and authorized access to test booklets. The Superintendent shall designate a District test coordinator who will direct the administration and security procedures for each testing site.

Teacher Responsibilities for Test Administration

Prior to the administration of any District or State standardized test, the principal/designee will review with the teachers the testing guidelines that they and the students are to follow. The principal/designee shall distribute this policy and any other testing guidelines to all teachers, require them to sign and return one copy and keep a copy for their files.

The guidelines listed below are examples; others may be provided by the principal/designee.

1. Teachers are not to review the test questions or content prior to its being given to the students.
2. Teachers are not to give any assistance to the students during the administration of the test.
3. Teachers are to review only the purpose of the test, the directions, the time restraints and what the students are to do upon completion of the test.

Violation of these and other administrative testing guidelines by the teacher may result in disciplinary action against the teacher, up to and including termination.

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Statewide Assessments

All students will participate in statewide assessments or alternate assessments as determined by a student's IEP team. The administration will annually develop an assessment schedule for the current school year. The testing schedule will list the assessment instrument to be administered and the grade level of students that will be administered each test or assessment instrument. This policy and the assessment schedule will be given to each student as well as their parent/guardian at the beginning of each school year. In addition, a copy of this policy and the assessment schedule will be available to the public in the District office during normal business hours.

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Assignment of Grades

Student performance is assessed on a continual basis throughout the school year. This evaluation assesses student growth in expression of ideas, communication, achievement of educational goals, and personal growth, and development. Grades will be assigned based upon student ability, achievement, effort, and cooperation.

A disabled student's IEP team or Section 504 team may determine that his/her academic requirements, including but not limited to the requirements for achieving a specific letter or numerical grade, may be modified or altered. Under these circumstances, the IEP team or Section 504 team shall determine whether the student shall be included in the computation of class rank. Students who are not included in the class rank shall still receive a cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) and shall be eligible for the honor roll.

If a non-disabled student is receiving homebound instruction, the principal, counselor and/or classroom teacher(s) for such course(s), in conjunction with the homebound teacher, shall determine whether the student shall be included in the computation of class rank, depending on the degree of modification or alteration to the curriculum the homebound student requires. Homebound students who are not included in the class ranking shall still receive a cumulative G.P.A. and shall be eligible for the honor roll.

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Community Education/Continuing Education Program

Instruction for Adults

The administration will assess the needs of the community for post school programs. Where community needs are identified and where funds are available, the Board will consider initiation of specific adult education programs. In cooperation with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the District will seek community assistance in raising the level of community awareness of its English language services when the District provides Adult Basic Education programs.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Policy 6530

Office Methods and Data Management

E-mail Records and Electronically Stored Information

Any e-mails that constitute a record under District Policy and Regulation 6531 or otherwise should be retained for the benefit of the District and therefore must be saved for an extended period of time to exceed one month shall either be 1) printed and physically filed in such a way that it will be easily retrievable or 2) saved directly to a file on one of the District servers from which it will be easily retrievable. The District will regularly delete unnecessary e-mails on the District's computer system, typically, on the first school day of each month during the school year.

Until the District's e-mail system can be equipped with such capabilities, all District e-mail account holders shall regularly update their e-mail account by either saving necessary and pertinent e-mails to a District approved storage device, printing them and filing them appropriately, or deleting unnecessary e-mails from their account. This process shall become a permanent and regular occurrence if the automatic deletion process is not implemented into the District's e-mail system.

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Policy 6531

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Records Retention/Destruction

It is the policy of this District to effectively maintain and manage its records, including those in electronic format, and to ensure the preservation of certain records as required by both state and federal law, including the Missouri Records Retention Law and Local Record Retention Schedule for Public School Districts as provided by the Missouri Secretary of State.

For purposes of this Records Retention/Destruction Policy, the term “record” is defined as any document, including in electronic format, which was made or received pursuant to law or in connection with the transaction of official business.