

## **Bigfork School District #38**

### **INSTRUCTION**

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#### Curriculum Development and Assessment

The Board is responsible for curriculum adoption and must approve all significant changes, including the adoption of new textbooks and new courses, before such changes are made. The Superintendent is responsible for making curriculum recommendations. The curriculum shall be designed to accomplish the learning objectives and goals for excellence contained in the District's educational philosophy, mission statement, objectives, and goals.

#### Development and Assessment

A written sequential curriculum shall be developed for each subject area. The curricula shall address learner goals, content and program area performance standards and District education goals, and shall be constructed to include such parts of education as content, skills, and thinking. A curriculum review cycle and time lines for curriculum development and evaluations shall be developed as well.

The staff and administration will suggest materials and resources, to include supplies, books, materials and equipment necessary for development and implementation of the curriculum and assessment that are consistent with the goals of the education program. These materials shall be reviewed at least every five (5) years.

In all program areas and at all levels, the District shall assess student progress toward achieving learner goals and program area performance standards including: the content and data; the accomplishment of appropriate skills; the development of critical thinking and reasoning; and attitude. The District will use assessment results to improve the education program, and use effective and appropriate tools for assessing such progress. This may include, but is not limited to: standardized tests; criterion-referenced tests; teacher-made tests; ongoing classroom evaluation; actual communication assessments such as writing, speaking, and listening assessments; samples of student work and/or narrative reports passed from grade to grade; samples of students' creative and/or performance work; and surveys of carry-over skills to other program areas and outside of school.

Cross Reference: 2000 Goals  
2110 Objectives

Legal Reference: § 20-3-324, MCA Powers and duties  
§ 20-4-402, MCA Duties as district superintendent or  
county high school principal  
§ 20-7-602, MCA Textbook selection and adoption  
10.55.603, ARM Curriculum Development and  
Assessment

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