

The basic instructional program shall include the courses required for each grade level by the State Department of Education. The instructional approach will be one that is multicultural and gender fair.

The program of instruction for the pre-kindergarten program is designed to help children to work and play with others, to express themselves, to learn to use and manage their bodies, and to extend their interests and understanding of the world about them.

The basic instruction program of students enrolled in kindergarten is designed to develop healthy emotional and social habits, language arts and communication skills, the capacity to complete individual tasks, character education, and the ability to protect and increase physical well-being with attention given to experiences relating to the development of life skills and human growth and development.

The basic instruction program of students enrolled in grades one (1) through six (6) shall include English-language arts; social studies; mathematics; science; health; human growth and development; physical education; traffic safety; music; visual art and computer science. Computer science will be offered during at least one grade level.

The basic instruction program of students enrolled in grades seven (7) and eight (8) shall include English-language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, human growth and development, family and consumer education, technology education, career education, physical education, music, visual art and computer science. Computer science will be offered during at least one grade level.

The basic instruction program of students enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) shall include fifty-four (54) total credits. At a minimum, the following credits are required:

- (a) English-language arts for eight (8) credits
- (b) social studies for six (6) credits
- (c) mathematics for six (6) credits
- (d) science for six (6) credits
- (e) health for one (1) credit
- (f) physical education for four (4) credits
- (g) electives for twenty-three (23) credits

The specific courses shall include instruction in the subjects for college preparatory, comprehensive, and vocational training. These courses will be updated annually through the High School Registration Handbook. This handbook will be approved annually by the board.

The board may, in its discretion, offer additional courses in the education program for any grade level.

Each instructional program shall be carefully planned for the optimal benefit taking into consideration the financial condition of the district and other factors deemed relevant by the board or superintendent. Each instructional program's plan should describe the program, its goals, the effective materials, the activities and the method for student evaluation.

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