Livingston School District

INSTRUCTION 2120

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 will be designed to accomplish 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 will be developed for each subject area. The curricula will address learner goals, content and program area performance standards, and District education goals and will 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 will 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, which are consistent with goals of the education program. These materials will be reviewed at least every five (5) years.

In all program areas and at all levels, the District will assess student progress toward achieving learner goals and program area performance standards, including content and data; accomplishment of appropriate skills; development of critical thinking and reasoning; and attitude. The District will use assessment results to improve the education program and will use effective and appropriate tools for assessing such progress. These may include but are 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 carryover 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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