

Policy 705: Curriculum

Curriculum is a coherent and comprehensive plan for teaching and learning built upon a framework that promotes continuity and the cumulative acquisition and application of skills. Curriculum shall state clearly and specifically what students are expected to know and be able to do by grade level and course. ~~The Harrisonburg City School Board curricula meets or exceeds the requirements of and are aligned with the Standards of Learning.~~ The Superintendent or designee shall present new courses and new educational programs to the Board annually.

Curriculum development, ~~as described in regulation,~~ shall be an iterative goal-based process based on the needs of students.

~~The process encompasses (1) identification of learning goals, (2) identification of program goals and student learning results, (3) curriculum evaluation, and (4) curriculum improvement. Curriculum development will be based upon the instructional program and will include the Virginia Standards of Learning, student interest, and career and college readiness.~~

~~The curriculum development process will include:~~

- ~~1. Establishment of definitive student learning outcomes in each curriculum area;~~
- ~~2. Alignment of instruction and assessment with objectives;~~
- ~~3. Provisions for horizontal and vertical alignment within and across grade levels;~~
- ~~4. Consideration of the needs of the community;~~
- ~~5. Teacher input in developing curriculum and assessment of student outcomes;~~
- ~~6. Consideration of the variety of perspectives, backgrounds, and needs of students.~~

The School Board authorizes district content leaders, in conjunction with teachers, to develop or revise curriculum guides under the guidelines provided by the Standards of Learning. Curriculum guides are to be used by teachers as the core of planning, instruction, and assessment of learning.

~~Harrisonburg City Public Schools' curricula shall meet or exceed the requirements of the Code of Virginia and regulations of the Virginia Board of Education.~~

Legal References:

- Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78, 22.1-253.13:1.

Cross Reference:

- Regulation 705: Curriculum

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