

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: ADOPTION OF COURSES OF STUDY

ADOPTED: March 14, 1994

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Farrell Area School District

107. ADOPTION OF COURSES OF STUDY

1. Purpose

The Board shall provide a comprehensive instructional program to serve the educational needs of the children of this district.

2. Definition

Title 22
Sec. 5.203

For purposes of this policy, a course of study shall be defined as the planned course which consists of at least: written statement of objectives to be achieved by students; content to be used to reach objectives for which credit is awarded at middle school and high school levels; expected levels of achievement; and procedures for evaluation.

3. Authority

SC 508,
511,
512

No course of study shall be taught in the schools of this district unless it has been adopted by the Board. The Board reserves the right to determine which units of the instructional program constitute courses of study and are thereby subject to the adoption procedures of the Board.

4. Responsibility

The Superintendent is responsible for the continuous evaluation of the efficacy of courses of study and shall recommend to the Board such new courses of study as s/he deems to be in the best interests of the students of this district. Instructional staff members will be invited to participate at every level in the district in the formulation of such recommendations.

The Superintendent's recommendation shall include the following information about the proposed course of study:

its applicability to students and an enumeration of those groups of students to be affected by it.

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its description and content, including the instructional method where such method departs significantly from the traditional and is an integral part of the course of study.

its rationale in terms of the goals of this district and justification, especially when it is proposed to take the place of an existing course of study.

the resources that its implementation will require, such as textbooks, materials, equipment, specially trained personnel.

the evaluative methods and standards by which its efficacy will be monitored and measured.

its developmental history with data, where available, on its use elsewhere.

The Superintendent shall maintain a current list of all courses of study offered by this district and shall furnish each member of the Board with a copy upon revision.

School Code
508, 1511,
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Title 22
Sec. 5.203

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