

File: IGD - CURRICULUM ADOPTION

The School Committee will rely on its professional staff to design and implement instructional programs and courses of study that will forward the educational goals of the school system, align with state standards, and respond to the changing needs of students. The district's professional staff continually evaluates existing and new curricula, piloting curricula in development as appropriate.

The Superintendent will have the authority to approve new programs and courses of study ~~:- after they have been thoroughly studied and found to support educational goals.~~ The Committee itself will consider, and officially adopt, new programs and courses when they constitute an extensive alteration in instructional content or approach. Extensive alterations in instructional content that require School Committee approval may include but are not limited to, changes to the objectives or major topics of the curriculum that carry significant budget ramifications for the district and the adoption of a new resource in a core content area.

The Committee ~~will~~wishes to be informed of all new courses and substantive revisions in curriculum ~~that are - It will receive reports on changes~~ under consideration. The School Committee's ~~Its~~ acceptance of ~~these reports, including a listing of~~ the high school program of studies, including a listing of courses, will constitute its adoption of the high school curriculum for official purposes.

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