

# HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY

## IGA Curriculum Development

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### Curriculum Development and Evaluation

The Hudson School District affirms that a well-defined, effective, and evolving curriculum is necessary to students' achievement of academic excellence. The curriculum defines the full course of study (knowledge, concepts, processes, and skills) that students will learn at each grade and/or course level. Within the curriculum are standards, a core set of expectations defining what a student should know and be able to do.

The Hudson School Board shall delegate to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee the responsibility of developing a written, sequential, K-12 curriculum that reflects the best of education research and practice. Written plans will be created for the subject areas specified by state law: reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, health, computer literacy, physical education, art and music.

Each subject area will be engaged in a continuous improvement cycle that consists of 1-2 years of self-study followed by 2-5 years of classroom implementation. Parent and community members will be actively engaged as partners during the self-study stage. Student assessment results will be used as a key criterion in evaluating each program. Curriculum changes in content and/or emphasis will be made based on student achievement results. Implementation of new curriculum will be supported by the District through staff development in new instructional strategies, revision of written curriculum, development of student assessments, and purchase of textbooks and print and non-print materials.

Permanent course additions or deletions at the high school and middle school shall be developed by school and district staff with approval of the building principal, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, the Superintendent of Schools and the School Board. Course changes shall be congruent with subject area K-12 goals and standards and be created to best meet student needs.

Curriculum recommended by the Superintendent or by a committee established for the purpose of making a recommendation to the Hudson School Board on curriculum shall be considered and approved by the Hudson School Board

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