

## CHAPTER 4.00 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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- I. The system curriculum shall be determined by:
  - A. Students' needs and interests as determined by studies and surveys;
  - B. Regular evaluation of curriculum effectiveness;
  - C. Alabama statutes, State Board of Education rules, and the School Board.
- II. The Superintendent may appoint such committees and special study groups as may be necessary to assist in determining the educational needs of the system.
- III. The Superintendent shall designate an appropriate staff member who is responsible for the development and coordination of the total curriculum of the system.
- IV. The Superintendent shall cause to be developed and regularly updated a program of instruction for all grade levels.
- V. The responsibility and right of an instructional staff member to present information of a controversial nature is hereby recognized. The teacher shall not present controversial material on issues which are not directly or closely related to the subject area being taught. In presenting controversial materials on an issue, the teacher shall present all sides of the question without bias or prejudice and shall permit each student to arrive at his/her own conclusions.
- VI. When dealing with political issues, the positions of all parties will be presented on a non-partisan basis.
- VII. The Superintendent shall recommend and the Board approve standards relating to graduation requirements, dual enrollment, promotion and retention, grading system and method of reporting.
- VIII. All course materials and verbal or visual instruction shall conform to the requisites and intent of Alabama law and the state Constitution. All instructional materials, including teachers' manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary instructional material, shall be available for inspection by parents/guardians of the children engaged in such classes.
- IX. The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to ensure that all aspects of curriculum development are implemented.
- X. There shall be a systematic and comprehensive evaluation of the instructional program and all related areas.

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