

## **Instruction**

### **Curriculum**

It is the policy of the Ledyard Board of Education that no courses shall be eliminated or new courses added without specific approval of the Board. The Board of Education will review the curriculum of all courses, as well as any major modifications, after the curriculum has been approved by the Instructional Council.

The curricula of the schools shall be designed to meet the Board of Education's adopted goals and legal requirements.

Curriculum development by the certified staff shall be guided by such factors as the following:

1. Actual studies and information concerning the needs of students in the school district;
2. The range of abilities, aptitudes and interests of the students;
3. Aspirations of residents of the school district for the students;
4. The mobility of the population, making it necessary to provide education for our students useful anywhere in the world; and
5. Avoidance of discrimination.

The Board of Education desires that unnecessary duplication of work among the levels be eliminated, and that courses of study and syllabi be coordinated effectively.

The Board of Education favors providing opportunities for faculty to consult and assist in curriculum development through such devices as workshops, study groups, assistance from outside consultants, and an extended school year to allow teachers to devote summertime to the effort.

Teachers shall teach within the approved curricula.

The intent of this policy is to stabilize the content of courses of study, as well as helping to plan for new textbooks, materials, and instructional procedures.

(cf. 0200 - Goals and Objectives)

### **Legal Reference:**

Connecticut General Statutes

10-15 Towns to maintain schools. Prescribed courses of study.

10-18 Courses in United States history, government and duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

10-18a contents of textbooks and other general instructional materials

10-19 Effect of alcohol, nicotine or tobacco and drugs to be taught

10-220 Duties of boards of education

10-221a High school graduation requirements.

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