

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND MODIFICATION

Development and implementation of curriculum shall be a top priority of the Board and an on-going process which is part of the routine operation of the Board. The Board shall provide a comprehensive instructional program to serve the educational needs of Urban Charter Schools Collective's ("UCSC") students. The Board accepts responsibility for establishing what students should learn. Therefore, the Board shall adopt a curriculum which reflects the goals and objectives of the approved charters to the greatest extent possible and which is compliant with the curriculum standards required by the UCSC charters and the requirements of the law.

Curriculum improvement is to be based upon:

1. Research that is educationally sound;
2. Changes in legal requirements;
3. Needs of students, teachers, and parents; and
4. Conformance with the Charter.

The following are to be considered when making any changes in program or curriculum:

1. Costs within the budget approved by the Board; and
2. Available facilities, material and personnel.

Principals shall have the responsibility for implementing an instructional program which is articulated at all levels.

All Principals of UCSC shall have the general coordinating authority over the design and development of the curriculum that reflects the goals and approach stated in the approved charter petition ("Charter"). It is the responsibility of each Principal to keep informed and aware of new trends and developments in curriculum and instruction.

Further, each Principal shall develop a process for curriculum review and development in accordance with his or her school site's Charter, and which shall provide for the participation of a joint study committee ("JSC") consisting of teachers, administrators, students, parents/guardians and members of the community.

Principals, working with the assistance of Academy Councils, shall form and maintain a JSC consisting of teachers, administrators, students, parents/guardians and members of the community. Each Principal is responsible for developing and implementing procedures for accepting JSC members, scheduling JSC meetings, and setting JSC meeting agendas.

Each JSC is responsible for reviewing proposed changes to the curriculum as proposed by the Principal, and developing an information sheet describing any proposed curriculum/program

change. Evaluation of existing courses of study must precede any recommendation for the modification of the instructional program.

All Principals shall keep the Board informed regarding current curriculum efforts and student achievements. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall provide all necessary assistance to the Board in reviewing reports, information and data on each curriculum area for evaluation and adoption by the Board.

Each JSC shall give its findings and recommendations to the Board. The Board shall be solely responsible for approving the final change to the curriculum, and shall either approve or reject the JSC's findings and recommendations. Prior to adoption of changes to the curriculum, the Board shall notify teachers, administrators, students, parents/guardians and members of the community of its findings. In addition, any rejections must be in writing with the reasons for rejecting the Committee's findings and recommendations. The Board's decision regarding the JSC's findings and recommendations shall be considered final.

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