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Purpose

The **Joint** Operating Committee recognizes its responsibility for the **development, assessment and** improvement of the educational program of the school. To this end, the curriculum shall be evaluated, developed and **modified** on a continuing basis and in accordance with a plan for curriculum **improvement**.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

Definition

For purposes of this policy, curriculum shall be defined as a **series of** planned instruction **aligned with established academic standards in each subject that is coordinated, articulated and implemented in a manner designed to result in the achievement of academic standards at the proficient level by all students**.[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

Authority

The **Joint Operating Committee** shall be responsible for the curriculum of the **vocational** ~~career and~~ technical school. The curriculum shall be designed to provide students the opportunity to achieve the academic standards and competencies established by the Joint Operating Committee. Attaining the academic standards requires students to demonstrate the acquisition and application of knowledge. [2][4][6][5]

In order to provide a quality educational program for ~~career and~~ **vocational** technical students, the Joint Operating Committee shall adopt a curriculum plan that includes the requirements for courses to be taught; subjects to be taught in the English language; courses adapted to the age, development and needs of students; and strategies for assisting those students having difficulty attaining the academic standards. [7][2][4][8][9]

Guidelines

Career and ~~Vocational~~ technical education programs shall consist of a series of planned academic and ~~career and~~ **vocational** technical education courses that are articulated with one another so that knowledge and skills are taught in a systematic manner. Programs shall be standard-based; prepare students for obtainment of licensure or industry skills certification or Pennsylvania Skills Certificate, as required; provide extended classroom experience; and meet minimum time requirements. Programs may include cooperative education and participation in vocational student organizations in order to develop students' leadership skills. [11][6][12][13]

Career and ~~Vocational~~ technical education courses shall include content based upon occupational analysis, performance objectives deemed critical to successful employment, and assessment of student competencies based upon performance standards. [10][6]

Safety education, consisting of safety practices, accident prevention, occupational health habits and environmental concerns, shall be integrated into the curriculum of the programs. [10]

Delegation of Responsibility

As the educational leader of the school, the Director shall be responsible to the **Joint Operating Committee** for the **school's** curriculum. **S/He shall** establish procedures for curriculum development, **evaluation and modification**, which ensure the utilization of available resources **and effective** participation of **administrators** and **teaching** staff members. [2][10]

A listing of all curriculum materials shall be made available for the information of parents/**guardians**, students, staff **and Joint** Operating Committee members. [2][14]

With prior approval **by the Joint Operating Committee**, the Director may conduct pilot programs deemed necessary to the continuing **improvement** of the instructional program.

The **Joint** Operating Committee encourages, where it is feasible and in the best interest of the students of the school, participation in State-initiated pilot programs of educational research.

The **Joint** Operating Committee directs the Director to pursue actively state and federal aid in support of research activities.

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