

# OAK PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY

Series 6000

Instruction

BP 6141(a)

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## Curriculum Development and Evaluation

The Governing Board desires to provide a research-based, sequential curriculum which promotes high levels of student achievement and emphasizes the development of basic skills, problem solving, and decision making. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, the Board shall adopt a written district curriculum which describes, for each subject area and grade level, the content objectives which are to be taught in all district schools.

(cf. 6000 – Concepts and Roles)  
(cf. 6141.6 – Multicultural Education)  
(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)  
(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)  
(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)  
(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)  
(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)  
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)  
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)  
(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)  
(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)  
(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)  
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)  
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)  
(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)  
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

The Board considers curriculum improvement to be a top priority for the district. Curriculum development and evaluation will therefore be an ongoing process in the district, routinely supported by planned allocations of resources and staff time.

The Board may establish a curriculum review cycle for comparing each area of the curriculum against state model curriculum standards and Board policy.

(cf. 6178 - Vocational Education)

The district's curriculum shall be aligned with the district's vision and goals for student learning, Board policies, academic content standards, state curriculum frameworks, state and district assessments, graduation requirements, school and district improvement plans, and, when necessary, related legal requirements.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)  
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)  
(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)  
(cf. 0420.1 - School-Based Program Coordination)  
(cf. 0520.1 - High Priority Schools Grant Program)

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*(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)*  
*(cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)*  
*(cf. 0520.4 - Quality Education Investment Schools)*  
*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*  
*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*  
*(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)*  
*(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)*  
*(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)*  
*(cf. 9310 - Board Policies)*

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process for curriculum development, selection, and/or adaptation which utilizes the professional expertise of teachers, principals, and district administrators representing various grade levels, disciplines, special programs, and categories of students as appropriate. The process also may provide opportunities for input from students, parents/guardians, representatives of local businesses and postsecondary institutions, and other community members.

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*  
*(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)*

The selection and evaluation of instructional materials shall be coordinated with the curriculum development and evaluation process.

*(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)*  
*(cf. 6161 - Equipment, Books and Materials)*  
*(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)*  
*(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)*  
*(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)*

When presenting a recommended curriculum for adoption, the Superintendent or designee shall provide research, data, or other evidence demonstrating the proven effectiveness of the proposed curriculum. He/she also shall present information about the resources that would be necessary to successfully implement the curriculum and describe any modifications or supplementary services that would be needed to make the curriculum accessible to all students.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*  
*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*  
*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)*  
*(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)*  
*(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)*  
*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*  
*(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)*  
*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)*  
*(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)*

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The Board shall establish a review cycle for regularly evaluating the district's curriculum in order to ensure continued alignment with state and district goals for student achievement. At a minimum, these reviews shall be conducted whenever the State Board of Education adopts new or revised content standards or the curriculum framework for a particular subject or when new law requires a change or addition to the curriculum.

In addition, the Board may require a review of the curriculum in one or more subject areas as needed in response to student assessment results; feedback from teachers, administrators, or parent/guardians; new research on program effectiveness; or changing student needs.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

#### Legal Reference:

##### *EDUCATION CODE*

221.5 Equal opportunity without regard to sex  
35160 Authority of governing boards  
35160.1 Broad authority of school districts  
51050-51057 Enforcement of courses of study  
51200-51263 Required courses of study, especially  
51500-51540 Prohibited instruction  
51720-51879.9 Authorized classes and courses of instruction  
60000-60424 Instructional materials

##### *GOVERNMENT CODE*

3543.2 Scope of representation

##### *CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5*

4000-4091 School improvement programs  
4400-4426 Improvement of education

#### Management Resources:

##### *CSBA PUBLICATIONS*

Maximizing School Board Leadership: Curriculum, 1996

##### *CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS*

Content Standards for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade 12

Curriculum Frameworks for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade 12

##### *WEB SITES*

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development: <http://www.ascd.org>

Association of California School Administrators: <http://www.acsa.org>

California Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development: <http://www.cascd.org>

California Department of Education, Curriculum and Instruction: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci>

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