Weakley County Board of Education



Monitoring: Descriptor Term:

Curriculum Development

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Under the leadership and direction of the supervisor(s) of instruction, a unified curriculum shall
 be developed within the statewide curriculum framework for the school system in each subject
 area, grades K-12, and presented to the Board for adoption.^{1 2}

Teachers in each school shall participate in the system-wide development of the curriculum in their appropriate subject areas. Assignments for curriculum development in the elementary grades will be made by the principal.

The curriculum will be revised and updated regularly through in-service programs and curriculum planning sessions, with changes subject to approval by the Board.

At least one copy of the complete curriculum shall be placed in each school. Teachers shall be given a personal copy of the portion which pertains to their area of teaching. New teachers shall be given an appropriate copy and briefed on its content in relation to the total curriculum.

Experimentation with newer concepts of curriculum design, scheduling, and instructional techniques is encouraged but must have prior approval of the principal. An experimental program requires the approval of the Director of Schools, the Board, the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education.²

A course may become a permanent part of the school program after three (3) years of operation upon approval of the State Board of Education.²

IMPLEMENTATION

The primary responsibility for the effective operation of the curriculum program and activities shall be delegated to the Director of Schools.

The school principals shall be responsible for administering the established instructional programs* and for the development and supervision of a coordinated plan for the improvement of instruction in their schools.

*For a list of course offerings within the district's instructional programs, see Appendix A.

Legal References:

Cross Reference:

¹ TCA 49-1-302(a)(1); (2); (3); (8)

² TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.05(1)(a); TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.05(2)

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