

Instruction

Basic Instructional Program

The basic instructional program shall be prescribed by the Board and be in accordance with the law.

Although learning experiences offered students vary according to their individual needs and abilities, the instructional program will be designed to give all students a common body of skills, understandings, attitudes, and knowledge needed for living in a democratic society.

An atmosphere fostering healthy growth shall prevail, recognizing in which ability encouraging excellence and providing a model of productive life as a model to emulate.

As required by law the Board shall provide a program of instruction which shall include at least the following subject matter as taught by legally qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education; health and safety; including, but not limited to, human growth and development; nutrition; first aid; including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training (beginning with the school year commencing July 1, 2016); disease prevention; community and consumer health; physical, mental and emotional health; including youth suicide prevention; teen dating violence awareness and prevention; substance abuse prevention; safety; which shall include the safe use of social media, as defined in C.G.S. 9-601, and may include the dangers of gang membership, and safety and accident prevention; instruction on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS); language arts, including reading, writing, grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical education; science; social studies, including, but not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography, government and history; computer programming instruction, and in addition, on at least the secondary level, one or more world languages and vocational education.

World languages may include American Sign Language ~~or signed English~~ provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under the supervision of a certified teacher.

The “arts” means any form of visual or performing arts which may include, but not be limited to, dance, music, art and theatre.

The implementation of these programs shall be the responsibility of the building principals.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 10-16b Prescribed courses of study. (as modified by PA 97-45, PA 97-61, PA 08-153, PA 11-136, PA 14-234, PA 15-17, PA 15-94 and PA 15-138)
 10-18 Courses in United States History, government and duties and responsibilities of citizenship.
 10-19 Teaching about alcohol, nicotine or tobacco, drugs, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Training of personnel.

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