

332 **EXPERIMENTAL/INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS**

The Board encourages educational experimentation and innovative programs that indicate promise of practical long-range improvements for students based on educational research and best practice. They may take the form of pilot programs, curriculum modifications, cooperative teaching projects, and the like. Once proven effective and feasible, the Board may wish to make such experimental or innovative programs available to all students who can benefit from them as rapidly as resources will permit.

The Board encourages development of continuing efforts to improve the instructional program. A process for research and development of new instructional programs should be the responsibility of the professional staff. Evaluation and measurement of the instructional program is necessary for guiding improvement efforts.

The Board of Education will approve all curriculum and periodically review the curriculum acquisition plan, which defines the timeline and process for curriculum evaluation, adoption, resource allocations and implementation.

Formal requests for new course proposals must be made to the Director of Instruction by utilizing the Process Guidelines for Requesting New Courses form. The Council for Instructional Improvement will make recommendations for all new courses at the October meeting, and the Board of Education will receive proposals for approval at the November Educational Services Committee meeting.

Requests for pilot programs and curriculum modifications outside of the normal acquisition process must be made to the Director of Instruction by utilizing the Process Guidelines for Pilot Programs or Curriculum Modifications form. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis, with involvement and recommendations by appropriate CII Committees and the Council for Instructional Improvement. Updates will be provided to the Educational Services Committee as appropriate.

CROSS REF.: 334 - Curriculum Evaluation
 332.1 - Process Guidelines for Requesting New Courses Form
 332.2 - Process Guidelines for Pilot Programs or Curriculum Modifications Form

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