

# REGULATION ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Related Entries:** IF

**Responsible Office:** DIVISION OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION, DIVISION OF ADVANCED STUDIES AND PROGRAMS

## COURSES AND CURRICULUM

### A. PURPOSE

To establish procedures for the creation, management, and implementation of approved courses and curriculum.

### B. BACKGROUND

Curriculum provides the foundation of a school system's educational program and ensures students receive instruction that is aligned to state, national, and international standards. Curriculum supports teachers in their development and delivery of daily lessons and provides learning outcomes, instructional strategies, differentiation strategies, resources, and suggested assessment options.

### C. PROCEDURES

1. Curriculum development requires consideration of the perspective that schools reflect the prevailing community values and establish associated standards and expectations. Curriculum development, shall involve classroom and resource teachers, staff, students, citizens, and other resources as appropriate. For students, the degree of involvement shall be determined by the maturity of students, their participation in the course, for which the curriculum is being developed, and the level of complexity of the course or tasks involved.
2. All approved courses shall have a corresponding curriculum that shall include, at a minimum, a scope and sequences, content and skill standards that align to the appropriate state, national, or international standards, suggested instructional activities, differentiation strategies, resources, and sample assessments.
3. Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) curriculum shall be reviewed and revised to reflect changes in standards, assessments, and research-based instructional strategies.
4. All AACPS curriculum shall be approved by the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, or the Assistant Superintendent of Advanced Studies and Programs, or his/her respective designee.
5. Curriculum Publication

- a. Electronic versions of all AACPS curriculum shall be available for use by teachers and staff, as available and appropriate.
- b. Upon request, the Division of Curriculum and Instruction and/or the Division of Advanced Studies and Programs shall make curriculum available for public review.

6. Implementation of the Curriculum

- a. Teachers shall organize the instructional program in accordance with the most recent curriculum issued for use in the school system.
- b. Teachers shall receive professional development as needed to help them implement new curriculum.

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