

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

**Related Entries:** IF-RA

**Responsible Office:** OFFICE OF ACADEMICS, DIVISION OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENTS

### COURSES AND CURRICULUM

#### A. PURPOSE

To provide a process to create, manage, and implement school system approved courses and curriculum.

#### B. ISSUE

Curriculum provides the foundation of the school system's educational program and ensures that 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. POSITION

1. The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board) recognizes the need for, and the value of, a systematic, ongoing program of curriculum review and development. The Board shall encourage and support the professional staff in its efforts to investigate curriculum ideas, develop and improve programs, evaluate results, and participate in professional development activities.
2. No course of study shall be offered without prior approval of the Board during a regular meeting.
3. Approved courses of study may not be changed in substance or content without Board approval.
4. Classroom teachers, resource teachers, and other staff play a central role in curriculum development. Students and citizens should have an opportunity to participate in the curriculum development process, as practical and appropriate.

**D. IMPLEMENTATION**

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

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