

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Code No. 603.1

Policy Title: BASIC INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The basic instruction program shall include the courses required for each grade level by the State Department of Education. The instructional approach will be gender fair and multicultural.

The basic instruction program of students enrolled in kindergarten is designed to develop healthy emotional and social habits, language arts and communication skills, the capacity to complete individual tasks, character education and the ability to protect and increase physical well-being with attention given to experiences relating to the development of life skills and human growth and development.

The basic instruction program of students enrolled in grades one through six will include English-language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, human growth and development, physical education, traffic safety, music and visual art.

The basic instruction program of students enrolled in grades seven and eight will include English-language arts (6 units), social studies (5 units), mathematics (6 units), science (5 units), health (1 unit), Physical education (1 unit), fine arts (3 units), foreign language (4 units), financial literacy (1/2 unit) and vocational education (12 units).

The basic instruction program of students enrolled in grades nine through twelve shall include English-language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, physical education, fine arts, foreign language, and vocational education.

The board may, in its discretion, offer additional courses in the instruction program for any grade level.

Each instruction program is carefully planned for optimal benefit taking into consideration the financial condition of the school district and other factors deemed relevant by the board or superintendent. Each instruction program's plan should describe the program, its goals, the effective materials, the activities and the method for student evaluation.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations stating the required courses and optional courses for kindergarten, grades one through six, grades seven and eight, and grades nine through twelve.

Note: This policy reflects the educational standards. The financial literacy requirements is effective with the 2021 graduation class.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (1988).  
34 C.F.R. Pt. 98 (1993).  
Iowa Code §§ 216.9; 256.11; 279.8; 280.3-.14 (1995).  
281 I.A.C. 12.5.

Cross Reference: 102 Equal Educational Opportunity

103 Educational and Operational Planning  
505 Student Scholastic Achievement  
505.3 Graduation Requirements  
602 Curriculum Development  
603 Instructional Curriculum

Approved: January 26, 2000  
Reviewed: June 18, 2014  
Revised: August 22, 2019