

## BASIC INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The basic instruction program will 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 shall include English-language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, age-appropriate and research-based human growth and development, physical education, traffic safety, music, visual art, and computer science. Career planning and pathways will also be taught in grades five and six. Computer science will be offered during at least one grade level.

The basic instruction program of students enrolled in grades seven and eight shall include English-language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, age-appropriate and research-based human growth and development, family and consumer, career instruction, exploration and development, technology education, physical education, music, visual art, and computer science. Computer science will be offered during at least one grade level.

The basic instruction program of students enrolled in grades nine through twelve shall include English-language arts (8 credits), social studies (6 credits), mathematics (6 credits), science (6 credits), health (1 credit), age-appropriate and research-based human growth and development, physical education (4 credits), personal finance (1 credit), career readiness (1 credit), computer science (1 credit), and remaining credits to be earned through elective courses.

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

Each instructional program shall be 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 instructional 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.

Legal Reference:      20 U.S.C. § 1232h (2010).  
                            34 C.F.R. Pt. 98 (2010).  
                            Iowa Code §§ 216.9; 256.11; 279.8; 280.3-.14 (2013).  
                            281 I.A.C. 12.5.

Cross Reference:      102     Equal Educational Opportunity  
                            103     Long-Range Needs Assessment  
                            505     Student Scholastic Achievement

602 Curriculum Development  
603 Instructional Curriculum

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