

Assuring the Quality of Education and Programs of Study

The Board of Education shall provide a comprehensive instructional program to serve the educational needs of the students of McDowell County. In furtherance of this goal and pursuant to law, the Board shall periodically adopt programs of study as well as determine the level of mastery which constitutes successful completion of a course.

No programs of study shall be taught in the schools of this County unless it has been approved by this Board. Elective offerings not based on West Virginia Board of Education content standards must have written content standards approved by the McDowell County Board of Education. Such optional elective courses may be made available by the Board based on student need and interest, but are not required to be made available.

The Superintendent shall recommend to the Board such programs of study as are deemed to be in the best interests of the students. The Superintendent's recommendation shall include the following information about each program of study:

- A. the intended content standards defined in terms of how the learning is applied;
- B. its scope and sequence;
- C. its justification in terms of the goals of McDowell County, especially when it is proposed to take the place of an existing program of study;
- D. the integration of technology skills into the course curriculum;
- E. the resources that its implementation will require, including instructional materials, equipment, specially-trained personnel, etc.;
- F. the plan for its continuous assessment which includes criteria and standards;
- G. its developmental and operational history as well as data on results, where available.

Each program of study is intended to provide a basic framework for instruction and learning. Within this framework, each teacher shall use the program of study in a manner best designed to meet the needs of the students for whom s/he is responsible. Deviation from its content must be approved in accordance with the Superintendent's administrative guidelines.

Since one of the County's goals is to prepare students to enter the world of work, the Board directs that each program of study includes as part of its learning accomplishments that students can demonstrate their willingness and ability to be punctual, to be present at the learning site each day unless absent for a legitimate reason, and to complete assignments on time and as directed. The Superintendent's guidelines should include recommendations to staff on how to instruct students in these important work ethics and how to include these learnings in the grades that students receive.

The Superintendent shall maintain a current list of all programs of study offered by this County.

The Board of Education shall provide a comprehensive instructional program to serve the educational needs of the students of McDowell County. With respect to assuring the quality of education, the Board of Education and the Administration of McDowell County Schools shall comply with State Board of Education Policy 2510, as amended.

References: WVBE Policy 2510
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