

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** September 5, 2007

**TO:** **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM:** Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 6140 – INSTRUCTION:**  
**CURRICULUM**

**ORIGINATOR:** Sonia Diaz, Chief Academic Officer

**RESOURCE**  
**PERSON(S):**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education approves the revisions to Policy 6140. This is the third reading.

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Attachment 1 – Policy Analysis  
Attachment 2 – Policy 6140

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY**  
**Policy Analysis for Proposed Revision to Policy**  
**Instruction: Curriculum**

**Statement of Issues Addressed by the Proposed Policy Revision**

Changes were made to the Policy to incorporate language from the *Blueprint For Progress*. The language establishes expectations for prescribed courses of study for all grades and courses as well as articulation and coordination of curriculum.

**Cost Analysis**

N/A

**Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies**

Policy 6141.1 Curriculum: Experimental Programs deals with the period of time allowed for implementation of new courses of study.

Rule 6143: Curriculum Guides addresses developing and revising curriculum.

**Legal Requirement**

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Articles 4-101; 4-111; 4-205

**Similar Policies Adopted by Other School Systems**

While all Maryland School systems have policies governing curriculum, the policies of Montgomery County Public Schools and Anne Arundel County Public Schools were analyzed.

**Draft of Proposed Policy**

See attached.

**Other Alternatives Considered by Staff**

No other alternatives were considered.

Instruction

Curriculum

[The Board of Education has the responsibility for maintaining the minimum program of instruction guaranteed by the state statutes and of initiating improvements beyond the minimum.

The officers and employees of the system are responsible for maintaining the program of instruction in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State, the acts of the Legislature, the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education and the rules and regulations of the Board of Education of Baltimore County.

The Superintendent of Schools shall provide principals and teachers with instructional materials covering all instruction approved by the Board of Education.]

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS COMMITTED TO PRODUCING GRADUATES WHO HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ATTITUDES TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL AS RESPONSIBLE, PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS, TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN COLLEGE AND THE WORK PLACE, AND TO BE COMPETITIVE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY.

TO ACCOMPLISH THIS VISION, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZES THAT CURRICULUM IN BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS MUST DELINEATE A PRESCRIBED COURSE OF STUDY FOR ALL GRADES AND COURSES TO IDENTIFY WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW AND BE ABLE TO DO.

THE BOARD AFFIRMS THE NEED FOR ARTICULATION AND COORDINATION OF CURRICULUM ACROSS CONTENT AREAS AND GRADE LEVELS.

CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS OUTLINED IN THIS POLICY AND THE *BLUEPRINT FOR PROGRESS*, THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL DEVISE STANDARDS OR PROCEDURES FOR THE DESIGN, DELIVERY, AND EVALUATION OF THE CURRICULUM.

Legal Reference: [Ann. Code of Pub. Gen. Laws of Md. Art. 77-Pub. Ed.  
#65. Courses of study  
#89. Courses of study (elementary school)]

ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION  
ARTICLE, §4-101, CONTROL AND PROMOTION OF  
EDUCATION  
§4-111 CURRICULUM GUIDES AND COURSES OF STUDY  
§4-205 POWERS AND DUTIES OF COUNTY  
SUPERINTENDENT

Policy  
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Board of Education of Baltimore County

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