

K-12 CRITERIA FOR CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

A high quality curriculum allows students to achieve or exceed the Evansville Community School District's performance standards. Proficiency in standards is best achieved when the curriculum is appropriate, equitable, feasible, research-based, rigorous and worthwhile.

- ❑ Items preceded by this box represent minimal requirements and must be addressed in all curriculum documents presented for approval.

Rigorous Curriculum:

- ❑ Develops large concepts, essential knowledge, skills and attitudes
- ❑ Is driven by Wisconsin's Model Academic Standards as referenced by the Evansville School District's content, performance and assessment standards
- Builds connections within and across content areas and between levels
- Provides breadth and depth of content
- Challenges all students to excel

Appropriate Curriculum:

- ❑ Includes a repertoire of instruction and assessment strategies
- ❑ Differentiates for students' needs, abilities, strengths and interests
- Accommodates a variety of learning styles
- Provides for age and developmental stages of learning

Research-Based Curriculum:

- Reflects current research on content knowledge and how children learn
- Utilizes students' background knowledge and addresses suppositions and misconceptions
- ❑ Integrates current technology

Worthwhile Curriculum:

- Allows students to create meaning and make relevant connections to other knowledge and experience
- Actively engages and motivates students and teachers
- Facilitates learning that has long-term significance

Equitable Curriculum:

- Respects culture, gender, ethnic and race uniqueness, similarities and interdependence
- Supports an infusion of multiple perspectives, not isolation
- Includes a variety of resources that accurately represent different perspectives
- Structures opportunities for all students to succeed

Feasible Curriculum:

- Is supported by ongoing staff development at the district and site levels
- Has staff commitment
- Has community support
- Attends to time, space and resource needs