

Planned Course and Essential Learning Statements

All middle school and high school courses must have a current and approved essential learning statement or planned course statement which is available to the principal, to the district teaching and learning (T & L) office, and to the teacher in the teacher's classroom.

Such statements will follow curriculum guide policy 2122 in content and structure. Since the planned course or essential learning statement is the syllabus of a course, it is the obligation of teachers to work with building principals to adhere to the planned course statements. The planned course statements should be used to build teaching activities, student assessments, and for selection of teaching materials.

It is the joint responsibility of principal and T & L staff to ensure that the statements are consistent and of high quality.

Periodic review of the statements will occur by subject area on a regular rotation basis facilitated by district staff from T & L.

All statements will be submitted routinely to the board of directors. Significant changes in the statements, which reflect new courses, will be presented for adoption on a regular board agenda; review or updating will be presented to the board for approval on the consent agenda. Such statements must be submitted before new courses are created or a course is revised. If the course is removed from the offerings of the school or district, the statements will no longer be valid.

The board directs the superintendent to prepare appropriate regulations to implement this policy.

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