

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

The educational program shall provide formal studies to meet the general academic needs of all students and, to the extent possible, opportunities for individual students to develop specific talents and interest in more specialized fields.

An atmosphere shall prevail in which healthy growth is fostered, in which ability is recognized and excellence encouraged, and in which a productive life is held before students as a model to emulate.

The various instructional programs shall be developed with the view toward maintaining balanced, integrated and sequentially articulated curricula which will serve the educational needs of all school-age children in the district.

Elementary program

The program of instruction in the elementary schools shall include the language arts (reading, writing, spelling, and oral and written communication), the social sciences, mathematics, science, physical education, health, music, and arts and crafts. Each of the subject matter fields shall include instruction in study and work habits, library usage and integration of educational technology.

Middle school program

The basic middle school instructional program represents requirements which provide a solid foundation in the academic areas of language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

In addition to the academic content area requirements, middle schools will continue to provide those exploratory and elective courses which best serve the educational needs, interests and abilities of their students. Students will take 24 quarters of exploratories/electives in fine arts, physical education, practical arts, and second languages. Electives may also include supplemental course offerings in core academic content areas. Counselors and school staff will work with students and parents in choosing electives from the elective curriculum most beneficial to the student. Ideally, students should experience the elective areas of fine arts, practical arts, second languages, and physical education throughout the three years of middle school.

CORE COURSE OFFERINGS

<u>CONTENT AREA</u>	<u>YEARS OFFERED</u>	<u>REQUIRED QUARTERS</u>
Reading/English/language arts	6,7,8	12
Mathematics	6,7,8	12
Social Studies	6,7,8	12
Science/health (Health, grade 6, 1 quarter) (Health, grade 7, 2 quarters)	6,7,8	12
Total core program quarters required		48
 Exploratory/elective course offerings		
Fine arts (Music and art)		
Foreign Language		
Practical arts (Business/computer education, Consumer & family studies, Industrial technology)		
Physical education		
Miscellaneous (to include enrichment and remediation)		
Total core program exploratory/elective quarters		24

Senior high school program

The senior high school shall include a variety of courses in the fields of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, foreign language, home economics, industrial arts, business education, health and physical education, arts and crafts, music, career and technical education and Integration of educational technology.

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