

## CURRICULUM ADOPTION

The Wareham School committee will rely on its professional staff to design and implement instructional programs and courses of study that will forward the educational goals of the district and meet the following criteria:

- Advance the educational objectives of the school system, state curriculum frameworks, and particular objectives of the course or program;
- Contribute toward community, integration, and articulation of the curriculum;
- Establish a general framework for the particular course or program;
- Recognize and include the diverse learning styles of students;
- Void of all bias and stereotypes;
- Include the multiple perspective of social issues; and
- Include and promote higher level thinking skills.

The selection and implementation of new programs and courses of study are expected to be a collaborative effort among teachers, building principals, and the District Director of Curriculum.

The District Director of Curriculum will provide training for all teachers and instructional staff, including administrators, in the specific criteria listed above. This training will include the “Anti-Bias Approach” for analyzing curriculum and instruction using research-based programs for the training content.

The Superintendent of Schools will have authority to approve new programs and courses of study after they have been thoroughly studied and found to support the district’s educational goals and to meet the criteria listed. The Wareham School Committee will subsequently consider, and officially adopt, new programs and courses submitted by the Superintendent when they constitute an extensive alteration in instructional content or approach.

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