

**CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION**

Note: 4 AAC 05.080 mandates that the Board formally adopt at a regular meeting a curriculum, as specified, describing what will be taught.

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District believes a district-wide K-12 sequential program of studies in all curricular areas, which builds on and integrates previously acquired knowledge, is fundamental.

The School Board shall provide a comprehensive instructional program to serve the educational needs of the district's students. The Board accepts responsibility for establishing what students should learn. Therefore, the Board shall adopt a district curriculum which to the extent possible reflects the desires of the community, the needs of society, and the requirements of law.

Curriculum development and improvement is of primary importance and as such will be part of an ongoing process in this district. The Superintendent or designee shall have general coordinating authority over the design and development of curriculum. The Superintendent or designee shall develop a process for curriculum review and development which shall include the participation of teachers, administrators, students and parents/guardians. The Board recognizes that effective curriculum development requires the planned allocation of resources, staff time and inservice training.

*(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)*

Note: 4 AAC 05.080 requires that the adopted curriculum include a statement that the curriculum is a guide for planning instructional strategies, a statement of goals the curriculum is expected to accomplish, the content designed to accomplish the goals, and a description of the means of evaluating the effectiveness of the curriculum.

The curriculum shall be consistent with and aligned to established state standards and the philosophy, goals and objectives of the district. The Superintendent or designee shall keep the Board informed regarding current district curriculum efforts and student achievement. The Superintendent or designee shall provide all necessary assistance to the Board in reviewing reports, information and data on each curriculum area for evaluation and adoption by the Board. Prior to adoption of district-wide curriculum, the Board shall discuss its findings with the staff, community and students.

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## **CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION** (continued)

Note: 4 AAC 05.080 requires the review of content areas every six years.
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The Board shall adopt a curriculum review cycle for each area of the curriculum which shall serve as the timeline for district-wide curriculum development. The Board shall review each content area at least once every six years.

*(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of Instructional Program)*

*Legal Reference:*

ALASKA STATUTES

*14.03.120 Education planning; reports*

*14.14.110 Cooperation with other districts*

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

*4 AAC 04.140 Content Standards*

*4 AAC 05.020 Definitions*

*4 AAC 05.080 School curriculum and personnel*

*4 AAC 06.885 School Recognition*

*4 AAC 51.310 Evaluation*

*\* Legal citations updated June 2014*