

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Policy IF – Curriculum Development

It is the responsibility of the School Committee to ensure that all instructional programs within its Jurisdiction have clearly defined educational purposes based upon identified student needs. Defining such purposes is an important task and necessitates the involvement and commitment of the professional staff.

The School Committee shall direct the Superintendent and administrators to oversee and coordinate curriculum development activities within both the elementary and secondary schools. Specifically, on a need basis, administrative personnel shall identify for, and assign to, the teaching staff specific curriculum development tasks. Such tasks should be directly related to a staff member's teaching assignment and should coincide with clearly defined curriculum design criteria. Extra-ordinary curriculum development projects (such as the development of a new instructional program) may be undertaken and/or specially funded, only after receiving approval from the School Committee and/or the Superintendent.

The School Committee recognizes the need to provide the teaching staff with opportunities to improve upon curriculum development skills. Thus, the School Committee shall make a strong effort to help staff members gain and/or refine curriculum development skills via professional in-service activities.

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