

# Board Policy

Code No. 603.1R1

## ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM

In all instances, the elementary curriculum shall meet, at a minimum, the educational requirements established by State Statute and the State Department of Education and any other course(s) approved by the Board of Directors.

### Pre-Kindergarten Program

The pre-kindergarten program shall be designed to help children work and play with others, to express themselves, to learn to use and manage their bodies, and to extend their interests and understanding of the world about them. The pre-kindergarten program shall relate the role of the family to the child's developing sense of self and perception of others. Planning and carrying out pre-kindergarten activities designed to encourage cooperative efforts between home and school shall focus on community resources.

### Kindergarten Program

The kindergarten program shall include experiences designed to develop healthy emotional and social habits and growth in the language arts and communication skills, as well as a capacity for the completion of individual tasks, and protect and increase physical well-being with attention given to experiences relating to the development of life skills and human growth and development.

### Elementary Program, Grades 1-5

The following areas shall be taught in grades one through five: English-language arts (speaking, listening, reading, writing, viewing, and visual expression and nonverbal communication), social studies, mathematics, science, health, human growth and development, physical education, traffic safety, music, and visual art.

Curriculum guides shall be prepared whenever it is felt such guides will be of assistance in the instructional program. These guides shall be designed to provide a consistent approach to instructional programs and to align district standards and benchmarks to instruction.

*Legal Reference: Iowa Code Chapter 281-12.5(1), (2), (3). Iowa Admin Code*

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