Purpose: To establish the board’s vision for basic instruction in the district.

The district will develop and implement an appropriate curriculum instructional program for all children based on the academic standards set out in the state adopted curriculum as well as rules, regulations and requirements of state law.

It is the policy of the board that a basic curriculum be maintained that will provide for the intellectual growth of all pupils, students, pre-kindergarten through the 12th year. The curriculum will provide all pupils, students, a basic body of understanding, attitude and knowledge for living in a democracy that acknowledges that learning experiences and achievement may vary according to individual needs.

This policy will ensure that students will be provided have the opportunity to develop intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities and aesthetic appreciation during their school years in such a manner that they will be used throughout their lifetime. The curriculum will be based on the South Carolina Curriculum Standards ensuring preparation for the state assessment program.

The professional staff of the district will develop the basic instructional program for the district’s schools. The superintendent and board must approve the program.

In compliance with state and federal regulations, the district will not exclude, deny benefits to, or prohibit students from course offerings on the basis of sex, race, religion, disability, color, immigrant status, English-speaking status, or national origin.

Adopted 4/25/78; Revised 5/14/85, 7/1/03.

Legal references:

A. Federal Law:
   1. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C.A Section 2000e, et seq. - Prohibits discrimination in hiring based on race, color, national origin, religion, or sex.

Federal statutes:

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B. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:
   1. Section 59-29-10 - Boards required to ensure that basic subjects are taught.
   3. Section 59-63-40 - Discrimination on account of race, creed, color, or national origin prohibited.

C. State Board of Education Regulations:
   1. R43-231 - Defined program, grades K through five.
   2. R43-232 - Defined program, grades six through eight.
   3. R43-234 - Defined program, grades nine through 12.

S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

Section 59-5-60 — State Board of Education to adopt minimum standard of education.

Section 59-5-65 — High schools to offer a college preparatory program.

Section 59-29-10 — Boards required to insured that subjects required by law and State Board regulation are taught.

Section 59-28-180 — Emphasis on higher order problem solving skills.

Section 59-39-170 — High schools to emphasize teaching as a career opportunity.

Section 59-63-40 — Discrimination on account of race, creed, color or national origin prohibited.

State Board of Education Regulations:

R 43-231 through 239 — Elements of the basic program to be offered.

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