

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

The business of the schools is to equip all children with the skills, tools, and attitudes that will lay the basis for learning and for citizenship now and in the future. This means giving the highest priority to developing skills in literacy, numeracy, communication, and wellness. The School Committee expects that all students will achieve the fundamental skills, and will dedicate the necessary resources to the achievement of that goal.

The district's basic curriculum will comply with state laws concerning literacy, numeracy, civics, and physical education. State law requires that schools:

...shall give instruction and training in orthography, reading, writing, the English language and grammar, geography, arithmetic, drawing, music, the history and Constitution of the United States, the duties of citizenship, health education, physical education and good behavior...

The law further states that American history and civics, including the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, local history and government will be taught as required subjects in the public schools.

Physical education is compulsory for all students, except that no student will be required to take part in physical education exercises if a physician certifies in writing that such exercises would be injurious to the student.

SOURCE: MASC Policy

LEGAL REFS.:

M.G.L. 71:1; 71:2; 71:3; 71:13
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