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**BLUFFVIEW MONTESSORI SCHOOL
POLICY 604
INSTRUCTIONAL CURRICULUM**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the development of course offerings for students.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. Instruction must be provided in at least the following subject areas:

1. ~~Language arts and~~ **B**asic communication skills including reading and writing, literature, and fine arts;
2. **m**Mathematics and science;
3. **s**Social studies, including history, geography, economics, government, and citizenship that includes civics (see II.I.);
4. **h**Health and physical education; Health curriculum may include child sexual abuse prevention in consultation with other federal, state, or local agencies and community-based organizations to identify research-based tools, curricula, and programs;
5. the arts, and;
6. career exploration.

B. The basic instructional program shall include all courses required for each grade level by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and all courses required in all elective subject areas. The instructional approach will be nonsexist and multicultural.

~~Elementary and middle schools shall offer at least three, and require at least two, of the following four art areas: dance, music, theater, and visual arts. High schools shall offer at least three, and require at least one, of the following five art areas: media arts, dance, music, theater, and visual arts.~~

C. The school board, at its discretion, may offer additional courses in the instructional program at any grade level.

D. Each instructional program shall be planned for optimal benefit taking into consideration the financial condition of Bluffview Montessori School and other relevant factors. Each program plan should contain goals and

objectives, materials, minimum student competency levels, and methods for student evaluation.

- E. The Head of School shall have discretionary authority to develop guidelines and directives to implement school board policy relating to instructional curriculum.
- F. Bluffview Montessori School may not discriminate against or discipline a teacher or principal on the basis of incorporating into curriculum contributions of persons in a federally protected class or state protected class when the included contribution is in alignment with standards and benchmarks adopted under Minnesota Statutes, sections 120B.021 and 120B.023.

III. REQUIRED ACADEMIC STANDARDS

- A. The following subject areas are required for statewide accountability:
 - 1. language arts;
 - 2. mathematics, encompassing algebra II, integrated mathematics III, or an equivalent in high school, and to be prepared for the three credits of mathematics in grades 9 through 12, the grade 8 standards include the completion of algebra;
 - 3. science, including earth and space science, life science, and the physical sciences, including chemistry and physics;
 - 4. social studies, including history, geography, economics, and government and citizenship that includes civics;
 - 5. physical education;
 - 6. health, for which locally developed academic standards apply; and
 - 7. the arts.
- B. Elementary and middle schools must offer at least three and require at least two of the following five arts areas: dance, media arts, music, theater, and visual arts. High schools must offer at least three and require at least one of the following five arts areas: media arts, dance, music, theater, and visual arts.

IV. PARENTAL CURRICULUM REVIEW

Bluffview Montessori School shall have a procedure for a parent, guardian, or an adult student, 18 years of age or older, to review the content of the instructional

materials to be provided to a minor child and, if the parent or guardian objects to the content, to make reasonable arrangements with school personnel for alternative instruction. Alternative instruction may be provided by the parent, guardian, or adult student if the alternative instruction, if any, offered by the school board does not meet the concerns of the parent, guardian. The school board is not required to pay for the costs of alternative instruction provided by a parent, guardian. School personnel may not impose an academic or other penalty upon a student merely for arranging alternative instruction under this section. School personnel may evaluate and assess the quality of the student's work.

V. CPR AND AED INSTRUCTION

Bluffview Montessori School will provide one time cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) instruction as part of its grade 7 to 8 curriculum.

- A. At Bluffview Montessori School's discretion, training and instruction may result in CPR certification.
- B. CPR and AED instruction must include CPR and AED training that have been developed:
 - 1. by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross and incorporate psychomotor skills to support the instruction; or
 - 2. using nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines for CPR and incorporate psychomotor skills to support the instruction. "Psychomotor skills" means hands-on practice to support cognitive learning; it does not mean cognitive-only instruction and training.
- C. Bluffview Montessori School may use community members such as emergency medical technicians, paramedics, police officers, firefighters, and representatives of the Minnesota Resuscitation Consortium, the American Heart Association, or the American Red Cross, among others, to provide instruction and training.
- D. A school administrator may waive this curriculum requirement for a high school transfer student regardless of whether or not the student previously received instruction under this section, an enrolled student absent on the day the instruction occurred under this section, or an eligible student who has a disability.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120A.22 (Compulsory Instruction)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.101 (Curriculum)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.125 (Planning for Students' Successful Transition to Postsecondary Education and Employment; Personal Learning Plans)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.20 (Parental Curriculum Review)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.021 (Required Academic Standards)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.022 (Elective Standards)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.023 (Benchmarks Implement, Supplement Statewide Academic Standards)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.234 (Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Education)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.236 (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automatic External Defibrillator Instruction)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.58 - 65 (Education for English Learners Act)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 605 (Alternative Programs)