

## **6011 Academic Standards**

The Governing Board recognizes that content and performance standards are necessary to clarify for students, parents/guardians and staff what students are expected to know and be able to do at each grade level and in each area of study. The Board shall adopt high standards for student achievement that meet or exceed statewide standards and challenge all students to reach their full potential.

District standards shall be developed through a process that involves staff, parents/guardians and community members. Standards shall be based on a review of state model standards and an assessment of the skills that students will need in order to be successful in the workplace and in higher education, including basic skills, problem-solving abilities and conceptual thinking. Special care shall be taken to ensure the proper articulation of standards among district schools.

Staff shall continually assess students' progress toward meeting the standards and shall offer remedial assistance in accordance with Board policy. The standards shall also provide a basis for evaluating the instructional program, making decisions about curriculum and assessment, and, as required by law, evaluating teacher performance.

While desiring district standards to be specific and comprehensive, the Board does not intend that these standards be so extensive as to describe everything that will be taught in the classroom. Staff shall be supportive and be provided flexibility to provide instruction that supplements the standards. Staff shall also have flexibility to determine the best instructional methods to use in preparing students to meet the standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district standards are regularly reviewed and updated as necessary.

**Board Approved:**

August 19, 2004

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