

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: ADOPTION OF COURSES OF STUDY

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# Palmyra Area School District

107. ADOPTION OF COURSES OF STUDY	
1. Purpose	The Board shall provide a comprehensive instructional program to serve the educational needs of the children of this district.
2. Definition  Title 22 Sec. 5.203	For purposes of this policy, a course of study shall be defined as the planned course which consists of at least: written statement of objectives to be achieved by students; content to be used to reach objectives for which credit is awarded at junior and senior high school levels; expected levels of achievement; and procedures for evaluation.
3. Authority  SC 508, 1511, 1512	No course of study shall be taught in the schools of this district unless it has been adopted by the Board. The Board reserves the right to determine which units of the instructional program constitute courses of study and are thereby subject to the adoption procedures of the Board.
4. Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent is responsible for the continuous evaluation of the efficacy of courses of study and shall recommend to the Board such new courses of study as s/he deems to be in the best interests of the students of this district.</p> <p>S/He shall invite the participation of professional staff members at every level in the district in the formulation of his/her recommendation.</p> <p>The Superintendent's recommendation shall include the following information about the proposed course of study:</p> <p>its applicability to students and an enumeration of those groups of students to be affected by it;</p>

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its description and content, including the instructional method where such method departs significantly from the traditional and is an integral part of the course of study;

its rationale in terms of the goals of this district and justification, especially when it is proposed to take the place of an existing course of study;

the resources that its implementation will require: textbooks, materials, equipment, specially trained personnel;

the evaluative methods and standard by which its efficacy will be monitored and measured; and

its developmental history with data, where available, on its use elsewhere.

The Superintendent shall maintain a current list of all courses of study offered by this district.

School Code  
508, 1511,  
1512

Pa Code  
Title 22  
Sec. 5.203

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