

CURRICULUM ADOPTION

All program and course offerings will be reviewed by the Superintendent, who will make recommendations regarding their adoption to the Mansfield School Committee. All courses must meet or exceed guidelines established by the State Department of Education and/or policies of the Mansfield School Committee.

Criteria by which the Mansfield School Committee will judge the acceptability of a new program or course offering include, but will not be limited to, the following questions:

1. Is the program consistent with the appropriate Massachusetts Curriculum Framework?
2. Does it have direct relevance to the educational goals of the district and the Massachusetts Department of Education?
3. Have the objectives of the program course been clearly specified?
4. Has it been thoroughly studied and/or tested by the staff?
5. Has a curriculum guide been completed?
6. Have the associated instructional materials been adopted by the Mansfield School Committee?
7. Have the costs of implementation been reviewed?
8. If the proposed course or program replaces an existing one, has it been shown what defect it is designed to overcome?
9. Is there a clear and reasonable plan for evaluation built into the proposal?

No course shall be introduced, eliminated, or substantially altered from the basic curriculum of the school system without the approval of the Mansfield School Committee.