

**Section 8-4.1. Curriculum requirements generally; goal based-process; evaluation of educational program by administration required; new courses and educational programs presented to the School Board. —**

**A.** The curriculum is a coherent and comprehensive plan for teaching and learning built upon a framework that promotes continuity and the cumulative acquisition and application of skills. The curriculum states clearly and specifically what students are expected to know and be able to do by grade level and course.~~The curriculum shall~~ Suffolk Public Schools curricula ~~meets or exceeds the requirements of the Code of Virginia and regulations of the State Board of Education and shall be~~ and are aligned with ~~to~~ the Standards of Learning. ~~The curriculum is a means to achieve pupil learning.~~

**B.** Curriculum development is a goal-based process. The process encompasses (1) identification of division goals, (2) identification of program goals and student learning results, (3) curriculum evaluation, and (4) curriculum improvement. The purposes of the process are to:

1. Respond to the division needs assessment.
2. Define desired student learning results in each curriculum area.
3. Evaluate the curriculum and its implementation.
4. Provide for continuous curriculum improvement.
5. Provide for curriculum coordination within, between and across grade levels.
6. Determine how well individual students accomplish program goals and achieve expected learning results.
7. Provide a process for staff and community input in developing and implementing curriculum.

**C.** The School Board expects the administration and faculty to evaluate the educational program and regularly report findings and recommendations to the School Board. These recommendations shall include modifications of desired learning results, division or program goals, new courses or course content, resources, materials, and learning experiences.

**D.** The superintendent shall present new courses and new educational programs to the School Board for action, as well as programs and courses that have extensive revisions or additions. (Adopted January 12, 1995; Revised September 8, 2011; Ordinance Number 11/12-3; Effective Date: September 9, 2011)

**Legal Authority** - Virginia Code §§~~22.1-70~~ 22.1-253.13:1 & 22.1-78 (1950), as amended.