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**ROCHESTER BEACON ACADEMY  
POLICY No. 603  
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction for continuous review and improvement of school curriculum.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Curriculum development shall be directed toward the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the education program of Rochester Beacon Academy ("RBA").

**III. RESPONSIBILITY**

The Executive Director shall be responsible for curriculum development and for determining the most effective way of conducting research on RBA's curriculum needs and establishing a long-range curriculum development program. Timelines shall be determined by the executive director that will provide for periodic reviews of each curriculum area.

**IV. DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- A. The school board must establish an advisory committee to ensure active community participation in all phases of planning and improving the instruction and curriculum affecting state and charter school academic standards.
- B. The District Advisory Committee, to the extent possible, must reflect the diversity of RBA, include teachers, parents, support staff, students, and other community residents, and provide translation to the extent appropriate and practicable. Whenever possible, parents and other community residents must comprise at least two-thirds of committee members.
- C. The District Advisory Committee must pursue community support to accelerate the academic and native literacy and achievement of English learners with varied needs, from young children to adults, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.59, subdivisions 2 and 2a.
- D. The District Advisory Committee must recommend to the school board
  - 1. rigorous academic standards, student achievement goals and measures consistent with Minnesota Statutes, sections 120B.11, subdivision 1a, 120B.022 subdivisions 1a and 1b, and 120B.35;
  - 2. charter school assessments;
  - 3. means to improve students' equitable access to effective and more diverse teachers;
  - 4. strategies to ensure the curriculum is rigorous, accurate, antiracist, culturally sustaining, and reflects the diversity of the student population;

5. strategies to ensure that curriculum and learning and work environments validate, affirm, embrace, and integrate the cultural and community strengths of all racial and ethnic groups; and
6. program evaluations.

**V. CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

- A. Students who do not meet or exceed Minnesota academic standards, as measured by the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments that are administered during high school, shall be informed that admission to a public school is free and available to any resident under 21 years of age or who meets the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.20, subdivision 1(c). A student’s plan under this section shall continue while the student is enrolled.
- B. The Executive Director shall be responsible for keeping the school board informed of all state-mandated curriculum changes, as well as recommended discretionary changes, and for periodically presenting recommended modifications for school board review and approval.
- C. The Executive Director shall have discretionary authority to develop guidelines and directives to implement school board policy relating to curriculum development.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 120A.20 (Admission to Public School)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.10 (Findings; Improving Instruction and Curriculum)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process for Reviewing Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Achievement Goals; Striving for Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.12 (Read Act Goal and Interventions)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.125(f) (Planning for Students’ Successful Transition to Postsecondary Education and Employment; Personal Learning Plans)  
Minn. Stat. § 124D.58 - 65 (Education for English Learners Act)  
Minn. Stat. § 124E.03 (Applicable Law)  
Minn. Rules Part 3500.0550 (Inclusive Educational Program)  
Minn. Rules Part 3501.0660 (Academic Standards for Kindergarten through Grade 12)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0700-3501.0745 (Academic Standards for Mathematics)  
Minn. Rules Part 3501.0820 (Academic Standards for the Arts)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0900-3501.0960 (Academic Standards in Science)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1200-3501.1210 (Academic Standards for English Language Development)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1300-3501.1345 (Academic Standards for Social Studies)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1400-3501.1410 (Academic Standards for Physical Education)  
20 U.S.C. § 6301, *et seq.* (Every Student Succeeds Act)