

## BASIC CURRICULAR PROGRAM

Because education is a lifelong process, the Columbia Local School District's educational program will provide a curriculum that serves the general academic needs of all students as well as opportunities for individual students to develop specific talents and interests in vocational and other specialized fields and grow toward independent learning.

The curriculum will be balanced, integrated, and sequentially articulated providing a basic body of understandings, attitudes, and knowledge needed for living in a democracy and pursuing a career and life goals.

Competency standards will be established in the areas of reading, mathematics, English composition, science and social studies.

The basic curricular program is viewed as important to the development of intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, problem solving abilities, and aesthetic appreciation that will serve the student both during school life and throughout life.

The curriculum will respond to the wide range of individual differences in student abilities and learning rates through a variety of materials, curricular adjustments, and courses adapted to the special needs of students.

The curriculum will meet or exceed those requirements established by law and the State Minimum Standards.

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