

## EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS

The Columbia Local Board of Education believes that education is a human enterprise and is not static but developmental in nature. As such, there are times that approaches other than the traditional and proven should be attempted. Such programs are viewed as experimental and tentative.

To be initiated in the district, an experimental program must meet these requirements:

1. The program or course will be developed by a committee consisting of administrators, grade level and subject area specialists and consultants as needed.
2. The program or course will next be submitted to the Curriculum Committee for review and approval and then submitted to the entire Board of Education for approval.
3. The Board of Education will make formal application to the State Department of Education for permission to implement the program on an experimental basis.
4. The program or course must be approved by the Board and the State Department of Education prior to implementation.
5. Participating students must be recommended for participation and their parents supply written approval for participation.
6. The program will be evaluated in terms of learning outcomes, student achievement, and accomplishment of stated objectives.
7. At the end of an established period of time, the Superintendent will either recommend cessation of the experiment or inclusion of the program in the district's educational program.

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LEGAL REFS.: State Board of Education Minimum Standards 330I-35-02(D)

CROSS REFS.: IGCB Educational Options