Curriculum Cycle Information

The work of Curriculum and Instruction Department is key to student learning. During the 2013-14 school year, the District began the current six-year curriculum cycle. The cycle focuses on revising and developing curricula aligned to the Revised Missouri Learning Standards. In June 2016, the Missouri Board of Education adopted revised standards in English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

The Curriculum documents spell out to teachers what should be taught in the classroom. Included in these documents are the things that students should know and be able to do when they complete the course. They indicate which skills should be mastered by the time students move to the next grade or course of study. In addition, a course map is included that tells teachers the approximate amount of time they should spend on each concept. This ensures that those skills which are most important for students to learn receive the most attention. Our district offers over 270 courses K – 12. Our goal is to actively monitor each of the courses every year. The district has developed a cycle to strategically and systematically support all of the courses each year. After revised curriculum is approved by the Board of Education, professional development on the curriculum is conducted for teachers. In addition, further trainings and on-going support is available throughout the first year a curriculum is adopted.

Unfortunately, due to recent budget cuts, some courses have been paused in a step or steps of the 6-step curriculum cycle or learning resources have not been able to be purchased through the curriculum revision process.

To view the steps of the Curriculum Cycle and the current step for each course and which step might be paused for a particular course, click here.

Here’s a summary of the pauses in the curriculum cycle work pauses due to recent budget cuts:

Social Studies (7th – 12th) – 18 courses
- 15 – 16: 5 courses paused due to budget cuts and 4 courses paused/changed steps due to new standards
- 16 – 17: 2 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 17 – 18: 2 courses paused due to budget cuts

English Language Arts (7th – 12th) – 27 courses
- 15 – 16: 9 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 7 courses paused due to budget cuts and 6 courses paused/changed steps due to new standards
- 17 – 18: 12 courses paused due to budget cuts

Fine Arts (K – 12th) – 63 courses
- 15 – 16: 5 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 18 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 17 – 18: 48 courses paused due to budget cuts

**PE/Health (6th – 12th) – 18 courses**
- 15 – 16: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 4 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 17 – 18: 10 courses paused due to budget cuts

**PE (K – 5) – 6 courses**
- 15 – 16: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 6 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 17 – 18: 6 courses paused due to budget cuts

**ELA/SC/SS Units of Study (K – 5) – 6 courses**
- 15 – 16: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 17 – 18: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts

**Math (K – 5) – 6 courses**
- 15 – 16: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 17 – 18: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts

**Gifted (1st – 8th) – 8 courses**
- 15 – 16: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 17 – 18: 1 courses paused due to budget cuts

**Special Education – 18 courses**
- 15 – 16: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 17 – 18: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts

**FACS (6th – 12th) – 19 courses**
- 15 – 16: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 5 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 17 – 18: 6 courses paused due to budget cuts

**Business (9th - 12th) – 22 courses**
- 15 – 16: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 3 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 17 – 18: 3 courses paused due to budget cuts
Industrial Technology (6th – 12th) – 8 courses
- 15 – 16: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 6 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 17 – 18: 6 courses paused due to budget cuts or low enrollment

Engineering (6th – 12th) – 7 courses
- 15 – 16: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 3 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 17 – 18: 7 courses paused due to budget cuts

World Languages (6th – 12th) – 7 courses
- 15 – 16: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 5 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 17 – 18: 2 courses paused due to budget cuts

Science (6th – 12th) – 24 courses
- 15 – 16: 1 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 13 courses paused/changed steps due to new standards
- 17 – 18: 17 courses paused due to budget cuts

Math (6th – 12th) – 24 courses
- 15 – 16: 0 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 3 courses paused/changed steps due to new standards
- 17 – 18: 12 courses paused due to budget cuts

TIL (6th – 8th) – 3 courses
- 15 – 16: 3 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 3 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 17 – 18: 3 courses paused due to budget cuts

ACT Prep (HS) – 1 course
- 15 – 16: 1 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 16 – 17: 1 courses paused due to budget cuts
- 17 – 18: 1 courses paused due to budget cuts