

# SUN AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CURRICULUM

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105. CURRICULUM	
<p>1. Purpose SC 1805 Title 22 Sec. 4.4</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee recognizes its responsibility for the development, assessment and improvement of the educational program of the school. To this end, the curriculum shall be evaluated, developed and modified on a continuing basis in accordance with a plan for curriculum improvement.</p>
<p>2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 4.3, 4.12 Pol. 102</p>	<p>For purposes of this policy, <b>curriculum</b> shall be defined as a series of planned instruction aligned with established academic standards in each subject that is coordinated, articulated and implemented in a manner designed to result in the achievement of academic standards at the proficient level by all students.</p>
<p>3. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.12 339.22 Pol. 102</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee shall be responsible for the curriculum of the career and technology center. The curriculum shall be designed to provide students the opportunity to achieve the academic standards and competencies established by the Joint Operating Committee. Attaining the academic standards requires students to demonstrate the acquisition and application of knowledge.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.12 SC 1841 Pol. 107, 127</p>	<p>In order to provide a quality educational program for vocational technical students, the Joint Operating Committee shall adopt a curriculum plan that includes the requirements for courses to be taught; subjects to be taught in the English language; courses adapted to the age, development and needs of students; and strategies for assisting those having difficulty attaining the academic standards.</p>
<p>4. Guidelines Title 22 Sec. 4.31, 11.28 339.22 Pol. 115, 122</p>	<p>Vocational technical education programs shall consist of a series of planned academic and vocational technical education courses that are articulated with one another so that knowledge and skills are taught in a systematic manner. Programs shall be standard-based; prepare students for obtainment of licensure or industry skills certification or Pennsylvania Skills Certificate, as required; provide extended classroom experience; and meet minimum time requirements. Programs may include cooperative education and participation in vocational student organizations in order to develop student's leadership skills.</p>

<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.31, 339.22</p>	<p>Vocational technical education courses shall include content based upon occupational analysis, performance objectives deemed critical to successful employment, and assessment of student competencies based upon performance standards.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.31</p>	<p>Safety education, consisting of safety practices, accident prevention, occupational health habits and environmental concerns, shall be integrated into the curriculum of the programs.</p>
<p>5. Delegation of Responsibility Title 22 Sec. 4.4, , 4.31</p>	<p>As the educational leader of the school, the Administrative Director shall be responsible to the Joint Operating Committee for the school’s curriculum. S/He shall establish procedures for curriculum development, evaluation and modification, which ensure the utilization of available resources and effective participation of administrators, teaching staff members, community members, members of the Joint Operating Committee and the participating districts.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4 Pol. 105.1</p>	<p>A listing of all curriculum materials shall be made available for the information of parents/guardians, students, staff and Joint Operating Committee members.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.82</p>	<p>With prior approval by the Joint Operating Committee, the Administrative Director may conduct pilot programs deemed necessary to the continuing improvement of the instructional program. The Administrative Director shall report to the Joint Operating Committee each pilot program along with its objectives, evaluative criteria, and costs before each such program is initiated.</p>
	<p>The Joint Operating Committee directs the Administrative Director to pursue actively state and federal aid in support of research activities.</p>
	<p>References:</p>
	<p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1805, 1841</p>
	<p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.3, 4.4, 4.12, 4.23, 4.26, 4.28, 4.31, 4.82, 11.28, 339.22</p>
	<p>Joint Operating Committee Policy – 102, 105.1, 107, 115, 122, 127</p>