

**Policy Type: Executive Limitations****Instructional Program***(A sample board policy for Academic Achievement written for Policy Governance districts)*

The CEO shall not fail to ensure that the district implements a standards-based program of instruction that includes clearly defined academic standards for specific courses of study.

Accordingly, the CEO may not:

1. Fail to develop and implement academic standards that meet or exceed nationally-recognized model standards.
2. Fail to develop a curriculum aligned with and designed to enable students to meet or exceed the established standards.
3. Fail to ensure that the instructional program includes all legally required courses and programs.
4. Fail to ensure that the instructional program actively addresses the needs of all students and avoids gender, ethnic and cultural bias.
5. Fail to ensure that the instructional program includes opportunities for students to develop talents and interests in more specialized areas.
6. Fail to assure that the instructional program addresses the different learning styles and needs of students of various backgrounds and abilities.
7. Fail to encourage innovative or experimental programs, carefully monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of all such programs and informing the Board annually about their effectiveness.
8. Fail to ensure that all instructional programs, including both content and practice, are regularly evaluated and modified as necessary to assure their continuing effectiveness.
9. Fail to ensure that the Board is informed of any deletions of, additions to or significant modifications of any instructional programs.
10. Fail to consider class size and organization as important components of the instructional program.
11. Fail to develop assessments that will adequately measure each student's progress toward achieving the standards.
12. Fail to ensure that all staff members are qualified and trained to perform the responsibilities assigned to them.

Adopted:

**Monitoring Method: Internal report**  
**Monitoring Frequency: Annually in \_\_\_\_\_**