

<b>POLICY</b>	<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND</b>
<b>CURRICULUM AND COURSES OF STUDY</b>	<b>SECTION 500</b>
	<b>Adopted:</b> <b>3/11/09</b> <b>Reviewed:</b> <b>5/27/09</b> <b>Amended:</b> <b>6/10/09</b>

The board of education will approve all essential curriculum and courses of study in all grades and content areas.

Administrators and teachers will organize the instructional program in accordance with the approved essential curriculum and courses of study. The essential curriculum and courses of study will not be changed in substance or content without the approval of the board.

The board delegates to the superintendent the responsibility of developing instructional resources (planning tools, supplemental guidelines, units and sample lesson plans) intended to assist teachers in implementing the approved essential curriculum and courses of study. The superintendent will adopt regulations necessary to effectively direct the development and review of such instructional resources. All instructional materials proposed for use in HIV/AIDS prevention education classes must be approved by the board of education

The Frederick County Public Schools approved essential curriculum and courses of study will be made available for review by teachers, administrators, parents and any interested citizen.

The board recognizes the need to revise instructional programs on a periodic basis, in order to adapt to changes in the student population and community, and in order to reflect new technologies, methodology and content. To ensure consistent and orderly revisions to instructional programs, the board encourages staff to evaluate proposed changes through the use of pilot programs prior to countywide implementation.