
TITLE 14 EDUCATION
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
500 Curriculum and Instruction

503 Instructional Program Requirements

1.0 English Language Arts

- 1.1 School districts and charter schools shall provide instructional programs in English language arts for each grade K to 12.
- 1.2 All public school students in each grade K to 8 shall be enrolled in an English language arts program that demonstrates alignment to the Department of Education's adopted English Language Arts content standards.
- 1.3 All public school students in grades 9 to 12 shall complete the credits in English language arts necessary to graduate from high school through courses that demonstrate alignment to the Department of Education's adopted English Language Arts content standards.

19 DE Reg. 739 (02/01/16)

20 DE Reg. 971 (06/01/17)

27 DE Reg. 519 (01/01/24)

2.0 Mathematics

- 2.1 School districts and charter schools shall provide instructional programs in mathematics for each grade K to 12.
- 2.2 All public school students in each grade K to 8 shall be enrolled in a mathematics program that demonstrates alignment to the Department of Education's adopted mathematics content standards.
- 2.3 All public school students in grades 9 to 12 shall complete the credits in mathematics necessary to graduate from high school through courses that demonstrate alignment to the Department of Education's adopted mathematics content standards and course-level expectations.

19 DE Reg. 739 (02/01/16)

20 DE Reg. 971 (06/01/17)

27 DE Reg. 519 (01/01/24)

3.0 Science

- 3.1 School districts and charter schools shall provide instructional programs in science for each grade K to 12.
- 3.2 All public school students in each grade K to 8 shall be enrolled in a science program that demonstrates alignment to the Department of Education's adopted science content standards.
- 3.3 All public school students in grades 9 to 12 shall complete the credits in science necessary to graduate from high school through courses that demonstrate alignment to the Department of Education's adopted science content standards.

19 DE Reg. 739 (02/01/16)

20 DE Reg. 971 (06/01/17)

27 DE Reg. 519 (01/01/24)

4.0 Social Studies

- 4.1 School districts and charter schools shall provide instructional programs in social studies for each grade K to 12.
- 4.2 All public school students in each grade K to 8 shall be enrolled in a social studies program that demonstrates alignment to the Department of Education's adopted social studies content standards.
- 4.3 All public school students in grades 9 to 12 shall complete the credits in social studies necessary to graduate from high school through courses that demonstrate alignment to the Department of Education's adopted social studies content standards.

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5.0 Physical Education

- 5.1 School districts and charter schools shall provide instructional programs in physical education for each grade K to 12. James H. Groves High School program is not required to provide instructional programs in physical education to its students and is exempt from the provisions of this subsection.
- 5.2 All public school students in each grade K through 8 shall be enrolled in a comprehensive physical education program that demonstrates alignment to the Department of Education's adopted physical education content standards.
- 5.3 All public school students in grades 9 to 12 shall complete the credit in physical education necessary to graduate from high school through courses that demonstrate alignment to the Department of Education's adopted physical education content standards. In addition to the 1 credit required for high school graduation, only 1 additional elective credit in physical education may be used to fulfill the graduation requirements.
- 5.4 The physical education requirements may be waived only for students who either have an excuse from a qualified licensed healthcare provider, which is defined as anyone lawfully authorized to diagnose and prescribe medical treatment or restriction, or objections based on religious beliefs. The school district or charter school shall have the authority to grant such waivers. The school district or charter school shall maintain records of the waivers granted and upon request, make them available for review consistent with Federal and state confidentiality laws.
- 5.5 School districts and charter schools shall annually assess the physical fitness of each student in grades 4 and 7, and in grade 9 or 10. The physical fitness assessment tool used by the districts and charter schools shall be 1 designated by the Delaware Department of Education.
 - 5.5.1 School districts and charter schools shall provide the results of the physical fitness assessment to the parents, guardians, or relative caregiver of each student. The school districts and charter schools shall also report this information to the Delaware Department of Education in a format determined by the Department.
 - 5.5.2 The Delaware Department of Education shall annually report the statewide grade level results of the physical fitness assessment to the public.

10 DE Reg. 985 (12/01/06)**19 DE Reg. 739 (02/01/16)****20 DE Reg. 971 (06/01/17)****27 DE Reg. 519 (01/01/24)****6.0 Visual and Performing Arts**

- 6.1 School districts and charter schools shall provide instructional programs in the visual and performing arts for each grade K to 12. James H. Groves High School program is not required to provide instructional programs in visual and performing arts to its students and is exempt from the provisions of this subsection.
- 6.2 All public school students in each grade K through 6 shall be enrolled in both visual and performing arts programs that demonstrate alignment to the Department of Education's adopted visual and performing arts content standards and grade-level or course-level expectations.

19 DE Reg. 739 (02/01/16)**20 DE Reg. 971 (06/01/17)****27 DE Reg. 519 (01/01/24)****7.0 Career and Technical Education**

- 7.1 School districts and charter schools, when consistent with the charter school's approved program, shall provide instructional programs in grades 7 and 8 that demonstrate alignment to career and technical education programs of study within the high school feeder patterns. Career and technical instructional programs in grades 7 and 8 shall be aligned to career and technical education programs of study at the high school level.
- 7.2 All public school students in grades 9 through 12 in school districts, and charter schools when consistent with the charter school's approved program, shall be provided with the opportunity to enroll in and complete a career and technical education program of study.

19 DE Reg. 739 (02/01/16)**27 DE Reg. 519 (01/01/24)**

8.0 World Language

- 8.1 School districts and charter schools with any of grades 9 through 12 shall provide instructional programs in world languages for grades 9 through 12 that demonstrate alignment to the Department of Education's adopted world language content standards and course-level expectations.
- 8.2 All public school students in grades 9 through 12 shall complete the credits in world languages required to graduate from high school through courses that demonstrate alignment to the Department of Education's adopted world language content standards and course-level expectations.

19 DE Reg. 739 (02/01/16)

20 DE Reg. 971 (06/01/17)

27 DE Reg. 519 (01/01/24)

9.0 Health Education

- 9.1 School districts and charter schools shall provide instructional programs in health education for each grade K through 12 that meet the hours requirements outlined in 14 **DE Admin. Code** 551. James H. Groves High School program is not required to provide instructional programs in health education to its students and is exempt from the provisions of this subsection.
- 9.2 School districts and charter schools shall provide comprehensive health education programming for each grade K through 8 that demonstrates alignment to the Department of Education's adopted health education content standards.
- 9.3 All public school students in grades 9 to 12 shall complete the credits in health education necessary to graduate from high school through health education programming that demonstrates alignment to the Department of Education's adopted health education content standards.

5 DE Reg. 865 (10/01/01)

8 DE Reg. 1709 (06/01/05)

10 DE Reg. 985 (12/01/06)

19 DE Reg. 739 (02/01/16)

20 DE Reg. 971 (06/01/17)

27 DE Reg. 519 (01/01/24)