

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

The business of the schools is to equip all children with the skills, tools, and attitudes that will engage students for learning now and in the future. This means giving highest priority to developing skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening.

State law requires that schools:

. . . shall give instruction and training in orthography, reading, writing, the English language and grammar, geography, arithmetic, drawing, music, the history and Constitution of the United States, the duties of citizenship, health education, physical education and good behavior...

The law further states that American history and civics, including the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, local history and government will be taught as required subjects in the public schools.

Physical education is compulsory for all students, except that no student will be required to take part in physical education exercises if a physician certifies in writing that such exercises would be injurious to the student.

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