

The School Board of Gadsden County

Bylaws & Policies

Unless a specific policy has been amended and the date of the policy was revised is noted at the bottom of that policy, the bylaws and policies of The School Board of Gadsden County were adopted on June 25, 2013, and were in effect beginning June 26, 2013.

2215 - PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

A program of instruction shall be developed and implemented by the Superintendent as follows:

A. **Elementary School**

The primary purpose of the elementary school shall be to serve each individual student by promoting opportunities for optimum learning development. The program of instruction in the elementary school shall promote language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, health and physical education, music, art, and other disciplines as shall be considered necessary to a well-rounded elementary school program. A procedure shall be established by which schools may recommend for approval courses or programs to meet the unique needs of students. Each subject field shall, insofar as practicable, embrace in the materials used and in the teaching procedures employed, instruction in the following areas: study and work habits; career awareness; library usage; safety; thrift; conservation; health and hygiene; citizenship; establishment of purpose; and development of character and morality. Provision shall be made for the inculcation of ideals of group and individual behavior; to this end, organized play, intramural sports and games, hobby groups, and other organized student activities shall be fostered.

B. **Middle School**

The primary purpose of the middle school shall be to promote an expanded educational experience to meet the needs of the students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades of school. The District-wide program of studies and services adopted by the School Board shall determine the specific offerings. An approval process shall be established by which schools may recommend courses or programs to meet the unique needs of students. Activities that offer desirable experience, such as band (or music), dance, visual arts, drama, creative writing, athletics, student government, etc., shall be promoted.

C. **Senior High School**

The primary purpose of the senior high school shall be to promote education that fits the needs of all students. Courses shall be offered at a level that will challenge students to perform to their capacity. The District-wide studies adopted by the Board shall determine the specific offerings. Media/Technology and counseling services shall be provided to enable educational objectives to be met. Student government, publications, drama, music, visual arts, athletics, and social activities, etc., shall be promoted for the development of well-rounded citizens.

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