

PILOT PROJECTS

In order to provide for constructive and responsive change and innovations in the schools, the Board of Education shall encourage the development of pilot projects aimed at improving the educational program.

A pilot project is defined as the introduction of a new educational program, strategy, material or equipment on a trial basis. The pilot project will be implemented for a specified period of time deemed to be sufficient for fair evaluation of the project's feasibility and success in meeting a district need.

Pilot projects in instruction require the prior approval of the Board of Education. Consideration for approval of a pilot project shall be based upon a written application which clearly states the aims and purposes of the project, the length of duration of the project, the course of study to be followed, the textbook and reference materials to be used, the teaching personnel involved, special equipment needed, if any, and student prerequisites. In addition, proposed procedures for evaluation of the project shall be presented.

Proposals should be submitted to the Building Principal or, where appropriate, the Assistant Superintendent. The proposal will then be referred to the Superintendent of Schools for administrative review. All pilot programs will be recommended by the Superintendent to the Board for approval prior to implementation.

If approved, the project shall proceed under the general supervision of the Superintendent. The Superintendent will submit periodic reports to the Board on all ongoing projects and evaluations. At the completion of the project, the evaluation shall be made and submitted to the Board with the Superintendent's recommendations.

The Board may, in its discretion, terminate a pilot project at any time.

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