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requirement of this part, the affected tribes, and the Director.

(d) *Immunization.* School children shall be immunized in accordance with the regulations and requirements of the state in which they attend school or standards of the Indian Health Service.

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§ 36.12 Standard III—Program needs assessment.

The policy and procedures of each school and its curricula shall be developed and revised based on an assessment of educational needs. This needs assessment shall be conducted at least every seven (7) years at the same frequency as required in § 36.50, School Program Evaluation. This assessment shall include at least the following:

(a) A clear statement of student educational goals and objectives. A student educational goal is defined as a statement of the knowledge, skills, attitudes, or concepts students are expected to exhibit upon completion of a grade level. Student educational objectives are defined as statements of more specific knowledge, skills, attitudes, or concepts students must exhibit in order to achieve the goal.

(b) The collection of appropriate data from which valid determinations, judgments, and decisions can be made with respect to the status of the educational program, e.g.,

(1) Perceptions of the parents, tribes, educators, and the students with regard to the relevance and importance of the goals.

(2) The extent to which educational goals and objectives have been achieved.

(3) The data developed as a result of the evaluation outlined in § 36.50 School Program Evaluation.

(c) A statement of educational needs which identifies the difference between the current status of students and the desired goals for the students.

(d) A plan of action to remediate assessed needs.

§ 36.13 Standard IV—Curriculum development.

(a) Each school shall implement an organized program of curriculum devel-

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opment involving certified and non-certified staff and shall provide the opportunity for involvement by members of the local community.

(b) Curriculum development program activities shall be based on an analysis of school programs and shall be related to needs assessment and evaluation.

(c) Each school shall involve staff and provide the opportunity for involvement by the tribal community in planning programs, objectives, and activities which meet student/teacher needs.

Subpart C—Minimum Program of Instruction

§ 36.20 Standard V—Minimum academic programs/school calendar.

(a) Each school shall meet the applicable minimum program of instruction provided in this subpart and, where applicable, the graduation requirements under § 36.32. A school that has difficulty in meeting these minimum academic program requirements may seek alternative ways of meeting some portions of the minimum program. For example, courses may be taught in alternate years. Should a school wish to adopt alternative measures, the school shall submit a request for approval to the Agency Superintendent for Education or Area Education Programs Administrator, as appropriate, for the adoption of alternative measures with a written justification as to how this action will meet the applicable minimum program of instruction.

(b) *Length of school term and day.* All schools shall provide an educational program of studies which is conducted for not less than 180 instructional days per school term. Regular program students shall be in instructional activities, exclusive of lunch (which must be at least 30 minutes a day), in accordance with the following minimums: Kindergarten—2.5 instructional hours/day; grades 1–3—4.5 instructional hours/day; grades 4–6—5.0 instructional hours/day; grades 7–12—5.5 instructional hours/day.

(c) If an emergency arises from an uncontrollable circumstance during the school day which results in the dismissal of students by the school administration, the day may be counted as a

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school day provided that three-fourths of the instructional hours are met.

(d) The educational program shall include multi-culture and multi-ethnic dimensions designed to enable students to function effectively in a pluralistic society.

(1) The school's language arts program shall assess the English and native language abilities of its students and provide instruction that teaches and/or maintains both the English and the primary native language of the school population. Programs shall meet local tribal approval.

(2) The school program shall include aspects of the native culture in all curriculum areas. Content shall meet local tribal approval.

(3) The school program shall assess the learning styles of its students and provide instruction based upon that assessment. The method for assessing learning styles shall be determined at the local level.

(4) The school program shall provide for at least one field trip per child per year to broaden social and academic experiences.

(e) All intraschool programs (e.g., library, instructional labs, physical education, music, etc.) which are directly related to or affect student instruction shall provide services from the beginning of the school term through the final class period at the close of the school term.

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§ 36.21 Standard VI—Kindergarten instructional program.

(a) The curriculum for kindergarten shall provide children with experiences which emphasize language development, native language where necessary as determined by 25 CFR 39.11(g), and performance of the requirements in paragraph (b) of this section. Such programs shall assist children in developing positive feelings toward themselves and others.

(b) A kindergarten instructional program shall include but not be limited to:

(1) Language (observing, listening, speaking).

(2) Exploration of the environment (number, space and time relationships, natural science).

(3) Psychomotor and socialization development.

(4) Development of imaginative and creative tendencies.

(5) Health education inclusive of the requirements contained in the Act of May 20, 1886, 24 Stat. 69.

§ 36.22 Standard VII—Elementary instructional program.

(a) The elementary instruction programs, grades one through six, shall include but need not be limited to:

(1) Language arts.

(2) Mathematics.

(3) Social studies.

(4) Sciences.

(5) Fine arts.

(6) Physical education.

(b) Each school shall integrate the following content areas into its curriculum:

(1) Career awareness,

(2) Environmental and safety education,

(3) Health education (includes requirements contained in 24 Stat. 69),

(4) Metric education, and

(5) Computer literacy.

§ 36.23 Standard VIII—Junior high/middle school instructional program.

(a) The instructional program shall reflect the school's philosophy and the needs of the students and the community. It shall be part of a progressive development that begins in the elementary program which precedes it and continues to the secondary program which follows.

(b) The curriculum shall include the following required instructional content areas at each grade level but need not be limited to:

(1) *Language arts*. One unit shall be required of each student every year.

(2) *Social studies*. One unit shall be required of each student every year.

(3) *Mathematics*. One unit shall be required of each student every year.

(4) *Science*. One unit shall be required of each student every year.

(5) *Fine arts and practical arts*. One unit each shall be required of each student in the junior high/middle school instructional program.