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### § 36.13 Standard IV—Curriculum development.

(a) Each school shall implement an organized program of curriculum development 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) 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 school day provided that three-fourths of the instructional hours are met.

(b) 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.

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(c) 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),

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- (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.
  - (6) *Computer literacy*. One unit shall be required of each student in the junior high/middle school instructional program.
  - (7) *Physical education*. One unit shall be required of each student in the junior high/middle school instructional program.
- (c) The following content areas shall be integrated into the curriculum.
- (1) Career exploration and orientation.
  - (2) Environmental and safety education.
  - (3) Metric education.
  - (4) Consumer economics (including personal finances).
  - (5) Health education (includes meeting the requirements contained in 24 Stat. 69).
  - (d) Languages other than English are encouraged to be offered as a content area beginning at junior high/middle school level.
  - (e) Student enrollment in any laboratory or vocational exploration class shall be consistent with applicable health and safety standards.

**§ 36.24 Standard IX—Secondary instructional program.**

(a) The secondary instructional program shall reflect the philosophy of the student, tribe, community, and school, and an awareness of the changing world.

(b) The secondary instructional curriculum shall include the following content areas:

- (1) Language arts (communication skills).
- (2) Sciences.
- (3) Mathematics.
- (4) Social studies.
- (5) Fine arts and practical arts.
- (6) Physical education.
- (7) Languages other than English.
- (8) Driver education. (See guidelines available from the applicable State Department of Education.)
- (9) *Vocational education*. Curriculum shall be designed and directly related to actual occupational trends (national, regional, and local) and to introduce and familiarize students with various occupations in technology, industry and business, as well as required special skills and the training requisites. Programs shall be directed toward assisting students in making career choices and developing consumer skills and may include the following:
  - (i) Vocational exploration,
  - (ii) Vocational skill development, and
  - (iii) School/on-the-job cooperative education programs.

(c) The following shall be integrated into the curriculum:

- (1) Consumer economics (including personal finances),
- (2) Metric education,
- (3) Safety education, and
- (4) Health education. (In addition, the program shall meet the requirements contained in 24 Stat. 69.)
- (d) The high school program shall provide program coordination with feeder schools, career direction, and preparation for the student entering independent living through employment, post-secondary education, and/or marriage.
- (e) Yearly class schedules shall take into account the graduation requirements of each student.