

Curriculum Policy (Effective Writing Program)

[KRS 160.345(2)(i)1]

Purpose:

The Curriculum Policy (Effective Writing Program) at Kentucky Middle School ensures that all students in all classes will use writing to learn. Kentucky Middle School believes that writing is a necessary communication skill for students and that writing should be authentically taught and practiced in all curricular areas.

Criteria:

Pursuant to KRS 160.345(2)(g), the local superintendent shall determine which curriculum, textbooks, instructional materials, and student support services shall be provided in the school after consulting with the local board of education, the school principal, and the school council and after a reasonable review and response period for stakeholders in accordance with local board of education policy. As such, Kentucky Middle School's school-based decision making (SBDM) council or designated committee will assess the school's writing curriculum, as selected by the district's superintendent, to determine congruency and alignment to the Kentucky Department of Education's [Guidelines for Including an Effective Writing Program Within the Curriculum](#) for districts, which establishes that all students shall be provided multiple opportunities to develop complex communication skills through writing and shall be allowed student choice and exploration.

During its assessment, the SBDM council or designated committee will utilize an evaluative method that ensures the superintendent's writing program selection allows teachers and students an opportunity to meet the KDE's [Guidelines for Including an Effective Writing Program Within the Curriculum](#) allowing for multiple opportunities for students to develop complex communication skills for a variety of purposes, to read and analyze a variety of print and non-print materials, and to use a variety of technological tools in the writing process.

Evaluation:

The school council shall annually review the effectiveness of the school's writing program to ensure the writing program aligns to the Kentucky Department of Education's [Guidelines for Including an Effective Writing Program Within the Curriculum](#) for districts. This data shall be included as part of the comprehensive school improvement planning process and the resulting feedback shall be shared with district's superintendent for consideration.

Date Adopted: _____

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