

Policy 602.01

ALTERNATE PROGRAMS

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MULTI-CULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

It shall be the policy of the Kimball Public Schools, in compliance with with such legal authority by way of the following policy:

- (1) Statement of the philosophy or mission of the district Multi-Cultural Education Program.

It is the philosophy of the district as well as the mission of the district to provide learning experiences for students to obtain knowledge about and respect for the diversity and commonalities of the cultures, histories, and contributions of African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and to adequately stress the contributions of all ethnic groups.

- (2) Development of district program goals.

It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Schools or his or her designee to develop program goals reflecting multi-cultural education at the local level. Generally such goals shall include, but not be limited to, infusing into all subject areas of the core curriculum in grades K-12, appropriate informational items and activities which will provide learning experiences for students in accordance with the statement of philosophy and mission of the district's Multi-Cultural Education Program Policy.

It shall further be the policy of the district to include informational items in the core curriculum when educationally appropriate and when such inclusion would not cause an inappropriate deviation from the particular discipline being taught, studies relative to the culture, history, and contributions of African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and all ethnic groups. Such inclusion shall place special emphasis on human relations and sensitivity toward all races as it relates to language arts, social science, science, mathematics, vocational education, foreign language, visual and performing arts, and personal health and physical fitness.

It shall further be the policy of the Board to direct the administrator to use such methodologies and personnel as the administrator or his designee deems appropriate to develop a district program at the local level with due regard for the need to present knowledge about cultures, histories, and contributions of African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and all ethnic groups to the local district as well as to the State of Nebraska and the various disciplines of the core curriculum.

On or before November 1, 1995 and annually thereafter, the Superintendent of Schools shall further present evidence in a form prescribed by the Nebraska Department of Education that multi-cultural education is being taught to students in accordance with this policy. A copy of this report shall be presented to the Board of Education as evidence the district is teaching multi-cultural education as provided by this policy.

The Superintendent of Schools shall periodically, as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent of Schools, provide staff development for the administrative staff, the teaching staff and the support staff of the district. Such staff development shall be consistent and congruent with this policy and shall have as its objective enabling such staff to develop an effective multi-cultural education program in the district.

The Superintendent of Schools shall designate a staff committee on terms as the Superintendent may determine for selecting appropriate materials for meeting the purpose of this policy. The process for selecting appropriate materials shall be as deemed appropriate by the staff committee, which shall be charged by the Superintendent of Schools with rendering to the Superintendent of School's periodic reports as to the selection of such materials as well as a periodic assessment of the district's Multi-Cultural Education Program as defined by this policy. (Exhibit "A").

It shall be the policy of the district to further designate local community members to work in concert with the staff committee and the administration in the development, implementation, and assessment phases of the multi-cultural education plan of the district as described in this policy. Staff and community representatives in this process shall include such cultural diversity of the district as may exist, if any. It shall not be the policy of the district concerning the local development, implementation, and assessment of the multi-cultural education plan to be obliged to rely on any representatives from outside of the district. However, nothing in this policy shall prohibit the Superintendent of Schools from seeking out such representatives, if in his sole discretion, such representatives would be of benefit to the district in the development, implementation, and periodic assessment of the multi-cultural education plan of the district.

The incorporation of multi-cultural education into the core curriculum of the district in grades K-12 shall have taken place on or before the last day of the 1994-95 school year and shall continue thereafter.

