

## **BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

The curriculum of the district will encompass learning experiences to meet the needs, abilities, interests and emerging self-image of each pupil. The curriculum will be broad in scope and provide for a wide range in rate, readiness and potential for learning through a balanced instructional program.

The board of education is committed to the importance of reading skill development as the basic element in each student's education. The board of education recognizes that the improvement of specific reading skills of children should be continuous throughout their elementary education. Therefore, the first priority of the elementary instructional program will be proficiency in reading through a planned sequence of reading skills and language experiences beginning in the kindergarten program.

The second priority of the instructional program will be each student's mastery of the fundamentals of mathematics--number operations, informal algebraic and geometric concepts, and the structure of our number system--beginning in the kindergarten program.

The instructional program also will provide the following planned sequences: language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, fine and practical arts, foreign language, health and physical education; career and technical education, and other courses of study as may be prescribed by the state board of education.

Instructional assistance will be provided for children who have a language other than English as their primary language. Planned program adaptations will also be made available for gifted/high ability students.

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### Legal References:

SDCL 13-33-1 - Conformity to standards adopted by state board.

SDCL 13-33-3 - Adult education, summer school, kindergarten, and nursery schools.

SDCL 13-33-4 - Instruction on United States and state Constitutions required – years when given.

SDCL 13-33-6.1 - Character development instruction.

SDCL 13-33-9 - Sectarian doctrine prohibited in public schools.

SDCL 13-33-10 - Released time for religious instruction.

SDCL 13-33-11 - Instruction to promote mastery of English language.