

PRIORITIES OF THE BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

The ultimate aim of the instructional program of Apple Creek School District shall be the development of proficiency in each student’s ability to read well, write legibly, spell accurately, listen attentively, speak clearly, think critically, use basic mathematical computational skills, observe carefully, solve problems, participate effectively in groups, keep healthy, enjoy aesthetic experiences, and understand career development.

The Board is committed to the importance of reading skills development as the basic element of each student’s education. The Board also believes that the improvement of specific reading skills of children attending school in this District should be continuous. Therefore, the first priority of the instructional program will be proficiency in reading through a planned sequence of reading skills and language experiences beginning in the kindergarten program and extending through grade 6.

The second priority of the instructional program will be 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 and continue through grade 6.

The instructional program also will provide planned sequences in language arts, social studies, science, fine and practical arts, basic computer skills, health, safety and physical education. Planned program adaptations will also be made available for exceptional children. The planned program for all children shall also include library instruction, individual study, guidance, and other appropriate instructional activities, as well as all instruction required under state law and State Department of Public Instruction regulations.

Legal Ref:	NDCC 15.1-21-01	Education of Students – Requirements
	NDCC 15.1-21-02	High school courses – Required units
	NDCC 15.1-21-03	High school unit – Instructional time
	NDCC 15.1-21-04	Minimum high school courses – Alternative Curriculum plans
	NDCC 15.1-22-02	Public kindergarten – Requirements
	NDCC Ch. 15.1-26	Adult Education
	NDCC 23-07-16.1	School district to adopt policy relating to Significant contagious diseases
	Administrative Rule 33-06-05.1-03	

**Reference:
5/01**

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