

PILOT PROJECTS

In order to continuously improve the quality of education for all students, the district occasionally may wish to implement a program or course on a pilot or trial basis.

A pilot program/course is one which has been approved by the Board of Education for implementation on a trial basis in a limited number of schools, grade levels or classrooms for a specified time period for the purpose of evaluation so that informed decisions may be made as to whether the program should be adopted on a broader scale. A pilot program shall:

1. Address a current or anticipated educational need in the district
2. Have an approved budget
3. Have an approved evaluation plan

Short-term (one- to three-year) grant applications for programs/courses shall be reviewed by the pilot program/course review committee prior to submitting them to the board. The review process shall be designed in such a way as to encourage and facilitate piloting of innovative programs.

Upon completion of the pilot phase of a program/course, the superintendent shall make a recommendation to the board based on the results of the evaluation, costs and other relevant information to continue, discontinue, expand, decrease or modify the program/course consistent with the data.

Pilot programs/courses shall be evaluated with the guidance of the Department of Assessment, Research and Evaluation.

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