

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 71, Section 1 requires that schools:

... shall give instruction and training in orthography, reading, writing, the English language and grammar, geography, arithmetic, drawing, music, the history and Constitution of the United States, the duties of citizenship, health education, physical education and good behavior...

The law further states (*M.G.L. Ch. 71:2*): *In all public elementary and high schools American history and civics, including the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights, and in all public high schools the Constitution of the Commonwealth and local history and government will be taught as required subjects...*

Physical education is offered to all students, compulsory through grade 12. No student will be required to take part in physical education exercises if a physician certifies in writing that such exercises would be injurious to the student.

Curricula

1. The curricula of the Hull Public Schools shall present in fair perspective the culture, history, activities, and contributions of persons and groups of different races, nationalities, sexes, and colors;
2. All school books, instructional and educational materials shall be reviewed for *gender* and minority group stereotyping. Appropriate activities, discussions and/or supplementary materials shall be used to counteract the stereotypes depicted in such materials;
3. Text and materials must reflect established Hull Public School curriculum goals and instructional programs;
4. All teachers hired by the Hull Public Schools shall review curriculum materials for simplistic and demeaning generalizations, lacking intellectual merit on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, homelessness, disability, religion, or sexual orientation; and shall provide appropriate activities, discussions and/or supplementary materials to be used to provide balance and context for any such stereotype depicted in such materials.
5. School books, instructional and educational materials purchased after the date of 603 CMR 26.00 shall in the aggregate, include characterizations and situations which depict individuals of both sexes and of minority groups in a broad variety of positive roles; and
6. Each school shall provide equal opportunity for physical education for all students. Goals, objectives and skill development standards, where used, shall neither be designated on the basis of sex nor designed to have an adverse impact on members of either sex.

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