Mandated Curriculum and Programs

A. The NJSBA believes that neither the state nor federal government should mandate any new or expanded school curricula, activity, or program unless a compelling need, including its educational value, has been demonstrated.

B. The NJSBA believes that categorical funding at the 100% level should be provided annually for each mandated program and activity required to be provided by school districts, and that districts shall not be required to maintain and continue these programs and activities in the absence of categorical funding. Once qualified for categorical aid, districts should remain eligible for a minimum period of time to allow the establishment and operation of required programs with minimal disruption and prevent abrupt shifts in state aid from one year to the next. [Authority: DA 1/80-A; DA 1/80-1; DA 6/83-2; DA 12/83-4; BD 11/84 CR (Extended School Year); BD 4/94; DA 6/88-19 & 19A; BD 10/91; DA 11/98-CR (School Finance); DA 12/91-CR QEA; DA 11/97-SR, DA 11/02-SR, DA 11/07-SR, DA 11/12-SR, DA 11/17-SR]

Cross References:
- 3000 Concepts and roles in business and noninstructional operations
- 6000 Concepts and roles in instruction
- 6141 Curriculum design/development
- 6141.1 Experimental/innovative programs
- 6142 Subject fields
- 6142.1 Family life education
- 6142.2 English as second language; bilingual/bicultural
- 6142.4 Physical education and health
- 6142.9 Arts
- 6142.10 Technology
- 6142.12 Career education
- 6147 Standards of proficiency

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