

**Basic Instructional Program**

The basic instructional program shall be prescribed by the EASTCONN Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and be in accordance with the law. This is applicable for students in Kindergarten through receipt of high school diploma.

Although learning experiences offered students vary according to their individual needs and abilities, the instructional program will be designed to give all students a common body of skills, understandings, attitudes, and knowledge needed for living in a democratic society.

An atmosphere fostering healthy growth shall prevail, recognizing ability, encouraging excellence and providing a model of productive life as a model to emulate.

As required by law the EASTCONN Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall provide a program of instruction which shall include at least the following subject matter as taught by legally qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education; health and safety; including, but not limited to, human growth and development; nutrition; first aid; including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training; disease prevention and cancer awareness, including but not limited to, age and developmentally appropriate instruction in performing self-examinations for the purposes of screening for breast cancer and testicular cancer; community and consumer health; physical, mental and emotional health; including youth suicide prevention; teen dating violence awareness and prevention; substance abuse prevention; safety; which shall include the safe use of social media, as defined in C.G.S. [9-601](#), and may include the dangers of gang membership, and safety and accident prevention; instruction on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS); language arts, including reading, writing, grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical education; science; social studies, including, but not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography, government and history; computer programming instruction, and in addition, on at least the secondary level, one or more world languages and vocational education.

World languages shall include American Sign Language, provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under the supervision of a certified teacher.

The "arts" means any form of visual or performing arts which may include, but not limited to, dance, music, art and theatre. If a student or parents/guardians are non-English speaking; study of a students' native culture and history will be encouraged.

The implementation of these programs shall be the responsibility of the building Principals and Program Directors.

**Note:** The addition, as part of the health and safety curriculum, of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, is to be based on the guidelines for emergency cardiovascular care issued by the American Heart Association and shall include, but not be limited to, hands on training in CPR.

In addition, boards of education are allowed to accept gifts, grants, and donations, including in-kind donations, to purchase equipment or materials needed to provide CPR instruction in the schools.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-16b](#) Prescribed courses of study. (as modified by PA 97-45, PA 97-61, PA 08-153, PA 11-136, PA 14-234, PA 15-17, PA 15-94 and PA 15-138 and PA 16-188)

[10-18](#) Courses in United States History, government and duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

[10-19](#) Teaching about alcohol, nicotine or tobacco, drugs, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Training of personnel.

**Policy adopted: 4/19/2021**