

INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: Concepts and Roles in Instruction

The Riverside County Office of Education is responsible for operating numerous instructional programs for students throughout Riverside County. As a general rule, local school districts are responsible for educating children; nonetheless, programs operated by the Riverside County Office of Education are initiated to serve specified student populations which would normally come from more than one district. The Riverside County Office of Education programs are specialized programs which have been determined by law or by local district agreement to be best operated by the County Office of Education.

To this end, the Riverside County Office of Education has the responsibility for planning, implementing, and evaluating the curricula of these programs.

The Riverside County Board of Education:

1. Has a direct role in shaping the instructional programs of the office by articulating its philosophical and educational goals and by annually, along with the County Superintendent and Cabinet, formulating and revising "action goals." These three-to-five-year action goals specify high priority areas in need of attention in the immediate future.
2. Reviews graduation requirements and expected proficiency standards for students in classes/schools operated by the Riverside County Office of Education.
3. Expects the professional staff to report on the attainment of goals and to identify barriers to goal attainment.
4. Reviews the courses of study and educational programs provided for students by the Riverside County Office of Education.
5. Reviews and supports the work of the Riverside County Office of Education instructional staff in the development and implementation of curricula and effective instructional strategies to meet the needs of students and staffs in county-operated programs.
6. Provides resources and facilities for an on-going program of professional development for staff guided by realistic and continuously reevaluated state and county priorities.

The County Superintendent of Schools:

1. Administers the educational programs of the Riverside County Office of Education.
2. Selects and organizes a certificated staff of highly qualified educators to provide leadership in implementing curricular and instructional programs that are consistent with state directives and the Riverside County Board of Education goals and priorities.
3. Establishes procedures for the on-going review and development of the Office curricula.
4. Ensures the articulation of the curricula among the effected school districts.
5. Decides the general methods of instruction to be used.
6. Approves the purchase of instructional materials and equipment.

Legal Reference:

Education Code

1240 et seq. - Duties, Responsibilities and General Duties, County Superintendents
35160-35160.1 - Authority of Governmental Boards, County Superintendents