

Instructional Practices Policy

Policy: The district and/or the school council shall be responsible for the selection of textbooks and instructional materials/technologies to be used throughout the school year. New materials will be researched by the Curriculum and Assessment Committee and approved by the council. There will be ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the implementation and impact of our instruction and programs.

We believe all children can learn when provided with instructional practices that utilize a variety of learning opportunities. Work provided for students must be personalized, engaging, and meaningful.

We believe an optimal learning experience includes the following:

- Personalized, thought provoking learning situations
- Student guided, rigorous, problem solving activities
- A safe environment where students are valued
- Reading opportunities that are self-guided in order to be informed and/or entertained
- Writing opportunities (in all subjects) to respond, reflect, and demonstrate knowledge

Each DAY SCES will offer students the environment and activities described above. In addition, students will participate in content classes where instruction is focused on the Kentucky Academic Standards. At a minimum, core subjects should receive one hour of instruction daily.

Each WEEK SCES will offer our students the opportunity to participate in:

- hands on, exploratory learning activities in math and science,
- cooperative learning activities throughout content areas,
- music, visual arts, physical fitness, library, and technology learning activities,
- computer based reinforcement activities

Each QUARTER SCES will offer students the opportunity to:

- speak in front of a group
- Complete one piece of writing