

## **5.4 -- SMART CORE CURRICULUM POLICY**

In order to ensure that every student has access to a rigorous curriculum, beginning with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class of 2004-2005 academic year, the Smart Core Curriculum will be standard components of the required course of study to graduate from Arkansas public schools.

All students will participate in the Smart Core curriculum unless the parent or guardian waives a student's right to participate. In case of a waiver, the student will complete requirements for a Core diploma.

Parents and Students will be notified of Smart Core curriculum beginning in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Parents may be informed of their curricular choices through counselor meetings, parent teacher conferences, CAPS meetings, PTA, newsletters, student handbooks, etc.

During the spring semester of the sixth grade year, parents will be required to sign the Informed Consent Forms. Informed Consent Forms become a part of the student's permanent record and are attached to the transcript.

Students transferring to other schools and/or districts will have transferred, as a part of their permanent record, the signed Informed Consent Form.

Parents will be provided the option of changing the Informed Consent Form by contacting the building principal in writing. Requests will be honored only if the student can complete the newly selected course of study by the end of their senior year.

Appropriate school personnel including teachers, counselors, and administrators will be informed and trained about the provisions of this policy.

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