

APPROVAL OF EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS\*

Experimental programs shall require the approval of the Board. They shall be established in accordance with procedures required by the State Education Department, which are as follows:

Definition:

An experimental program is one which requires approval to deviate from established standards and will be carried out under controlled conditions. Approval will be granted on a yearly basis not to exceed three (3) years, after which time permanent approval will be considered.

In order to receive experimental status, these procedures will be followed:

1. A letter of intent must be submitted to the Bureau of Secondary Education, State Department of Education, at least 90 days prior to the anticipated date of implementation. It shall contain the following information:
  - a. Proposed title of program
  - b. Name and address of school
  - c. Name and address of local school system
  - d. Name and signature of superintendent
  - e. Name, title, address and telephone number of person submitting proposal
  - f. Units of credit to be granted
  - g. Source of funding
2. A brief narrative report, including the following information, shall be attached:
  - a. A statement documenting support for the intended program
  - b. A statement outlining the exact guideline deviations necessary to implement the program
  - c. A statement outlining specific timelines for the planning and implementing phases of the program, including intended procedures
  - d. A statement of the evaluation procedures to be used in determining the program's effectiveness (These procedures should spell out specific objectives to be accomplished.)
  - e. A statement indicating approximate number of students to be involved in the project
  - f. A statement of qualifications or certification of instructional personnel
  - g. A statement stipulating that applicable local, state, and federal regulations will be followed.

\*Southern Association of Colleges and Schools member schools should comply with Principle 1, Standards 1 and 2.

3. An evaluation by the local education agency must be submitted annually to the Bureau of Secondary Education until permanent status is granted.

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