EXTENDED INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

The Columbia School District offers an organization for continuous progress in education to fit the needs of individuals of the community. In meeting these needs, the district may provide programs beyond those offered during the regular school day. The district will pursue available state or federal aid for its extended instructional programs.

Adult Education

The Board makes available school facilities for the purpose of maintaining and expanding programs and services for persons interested in adult education. Such programs are and shall continue to be commensurate with the needs of the community. The Board also provides administrative, ancillary and other supportive services needed to enhance the quality of the adult education program; however, the program is funded only out of revenue derived by the school district from sources other than state appropriations.

Early Childhood

The Board recognizes the critical importance of the early years in determining the educational development of children and insofar as resources permit, encourages programs designed to help meet the physical, emotional, social and intellectual needs of preschool-age children.

The district will provide services to students with disabilities beginning at age three in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and as required by other applicable law.

Extended School Year

Extended school year (ESY) services may be necessary to provide a child with a disability a free and appropriate public education pursuant to law. A student's individualized education program (IEP) team will determine whether ESY services are necessary and the length, nature and type of services to be provided.

Extended-Day Childcare

The district may establish before- and after-school childcare programs for students and may charge a fee for such programs.

Reading Improvement Instruction

As allowed and/or required by law and in accordance with policy IGAB, the district will implement programs of reading improvement instruction that may take place outside the regular school day.

Remediation

The district may operate remediation programs outside the regular school day, including during summer school, as described in policy IGAB.

Summer School

In accordance with law, the district shall establish a summer school program for reading instruction in accordance with state law. Summer school may also be utilized for remediation as a condition of promotion.
Violence Prevention

The district may provide a violence prevention instructional program. The program shall instruct students on the negative consequences of membership in or association with criminal street gangs or street gang activity, encourage nonviolent conflict resolution of problems facing youth, present alternative constructive activities for the students, and encourage community participation in program instruction. The program shall be administered as appropriate for different grade levels and shall not be offered for academic credit. The district will contact the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for guidance in establishing a violence prevention instructional program and will apply for any available state or federal aid.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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