The purpose of the Curriculum and Instruction Departments in Columbia Public Schools is to build capacity to improve student performance as defined by district goals. *Building capacity through:*

- Equity of access to the curriculum
- Commitment to consistent district-wide learner expectations
- Clarity of expectations for Instruction
- Empowerment of teachers to differentiate instruction
- Integration between content areas as appropriate
- Dissemination of research-based instructional strategies
- District-wide assessments that inform instruction and curriculum
- Professional development

The Ridgeway SAS will work with the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in order to make sure that essential skills are addressed for all of our students. We will work the Curriculum and Instruction to make sure that the changes under Common Core standards are addressed at Ridgeway.

The Ridgeway SAS may use additional resources beyond the District adopted materials in order to meet the needs of our students and the structure of our program.