

HARRISON ELEMENTARY SBDM Curriculum and Instructional Practices Policy

Harrison Elementary will teach Kentucky Core Academic Standards mandated by the Kentucky Department of Education. Our curriculum:

- Defines what all students should know and be able to do in all content areas, including essential knowledge, skills, performances and processes.
- Demonstrates the connections within and between different content areas.
- Provides opportunities for application and integration of skills and processes that will prepare all students to be self-sufficient, productive, and useful citizens.
- Provides for assessments which will drive instruction.
- Provides opportunities for students to explore the Arts and Humanities including creating, performing, and critiquing master works and performances.

Teachers will have knowledge of the relevant curriculum standards and expectations for their grade level or content area. This will be reflected in their instruction. Teachers will employ creative, developmentally appropriate instructional materials, activities and strategies including:

- All components of Balanced Literacy and the components of effective mathematics. Goals will be set in individual classrooms.
- Art and Stem Classes will be offered by HSE.
- Homework will be used to reinforce content instruction at all grade levels as defined by the Harrison Elementary homework policy.

Assessments will reflect subject matter covered in class through various strategies (constructed response questions, oral responses, performance activities, multiple choice, flashbacks, exit slips, etc.)

Assessments will be administered regularly throughout the academic year. Pre and post tests will be employed when applicable to subject matter. Constructed response questions will be emphasized at all levels and curricular areas throughout the academic year. District mandated assessments will be administered as directed.