

## Curriculum Research/Pilot Project

A pilot project is defined as an educational practice conducted in a controlled environment for a period of time sufficient to test the applicability and viability of that practice for fulfilling present and future needs of the district.

Schools can apply for permission to pilot a CPS by applying to the district curriculum committee. A pilot program exempts schools from using specific adopted curriculum. Pilot status is typically granted for a period of one to three years with the expectation that the school will file a report conveying the results of using the program. A successful pilot program could lead to adopted or supported status for the CPS being piloted.

Requests should be submitted sufficiently in advance for the proposal to be studied, a decision to be made, and, if granted, adequate staff preparation to be completed.

Teachers desiring to make a substantial alteration in the regular course of study or teaching methods must outline the planned change in writing and present it to the principal sufficiently in advance for study, review with the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and any other necessary planning. The principal will inform the teacher as to whether the request for variation has been approved.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.675 - 329.745](#)

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2006); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2006).

Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (2006); Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs and Testing, 34 C.F.R. Part 98 (2006).