

**BENTON COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

**ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM** (PK-6 Leadership Team Coordinator = Jason West, Atkins/Keystone/Norway/Van Horne Elementaries)

The program of instruction in the regular elementary schools shall include (1) language arts: reading, writing, spelling, listening, and oral and written expressions; (2) social studies: history, geography, Iowa history, U.S. history and civics; (3) arithmetic; (4) science: life, earth, physical science; (5) physical education; (6) health: substance abuse, human sexuality, self-esteem, AIDS; (7) music; (8) arts and crafts. Each of these subject fields shall, insofar as practical, embrace in the materials used and in the teaching procedures employed, instruction in study and work habits, library usage, safety, thrift, conservation, citizenship, the establishment of purpose, and the development of character and morality. Provisions shall be made for the inculcation of ideals of group and individual behavior, and to this end organized play, intramural sports and games, hobby groups and other organized student activities shall be fostered.

Curriculum guides shall be prepared to assist in the instructional program. These guides shall be designed to provide a consistent approach to instructional problems and to furnish information as to available supplementary materials and related activities. In all instances, the elementary curriculum shall meet the educational requirements established by state statute and the Iowa Department of Education.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM** (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Leadership Team Coordinator = Jo Prusha, MS/HS)

The middle school shall provide instruction in the following fields: English-language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, human growth and development, physical education, music, visual art, family and consumer education, career education and technology education. Instruction in these areas shall include the contributions and perspectives of persons with disabilities, both men and women and persons from diverse racial and ethnic groups, and shall be designed to eliminate career and employment stereotypes.

Curriculum guides shall be prepared to assist in the instructional program. These guides shall be designed to provide a consistent approach to the instructional programs and to furnish information as to available supplementary materials and related activities. In all instances, the middle school curriculum shall meet the educational requirements as established by state statute and the Iowa Department of Education.

**SENIOR HIGH CURRICULUM** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Leadership Team Coordinator = Jo Prusha, MS/HS)

Benton Community Senior High School shall offer: English-language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, physical education, fine arts, foreign language and vocational education. Instruction in these areas shall include the contributions and perspectives of persons with disabilities, both men and women and persons from diverse racial and ethnic groups, and shall be designed to eliminate career and employment stereotypes.

Curriculum guides shall be prepared to assist in the instructional program. These guides shall be designed to provide a consistent approach to instructional problems and to furnish information as to available supplementary materials and related activities. In all instances, the high school curriculum shall meet the educational requirements as established by state statute and the Iowa Department of Education.