

What are schools left to do?

Taking a look at Chapter 4 requirements from the Public School Code

Chapter 4 requirements

- Compulsory education required for age 8 and above
- Academic standards to be met at elementary, middle school, and high school levels
- World language
 - Two languages
 - Only one language required to have four year sequence

Chapter 4 requirements

- Required courses for graduation
 - English Composition
 - Literature
 - Biology
 - Algebra I

What is not required

- Specialists
 - Art
 - Music
 - Library
 - Physical Education
 - Family and Consumer Science
 - Technology Education
 - Guidance Counselors
 - Literacy/Math Coaches

What is not required

- Extra-curriculars
 - Athletics
 - Music – band, orchestra, chorus, theatre productions
 - Student government, academic teams, etc.
- Student transportation
- Limits on class size

Potential cuts moving forward

- Transportation
 - Cut mid-day runs for kindergarten for districts who have this
 - Extend distance for walking and eliminate some buses and runs
 - Requirement is 2.0 miles and above for secondary students
 - Requirement is 1.5 miles and above for elementary students

Potential cuts moving forward

- Athletic programs
 - Eliminate particular sports
 - Eliminate particular level of sports (i.e. middle school)
- Music programs
 - Eliminate particular programs at different levels
 - Limit number of students involved

Potential cuts moving forward

- Art programs
 - Cut electives
 - Cut programs at particular levels
- Library programs
 - Cut classroom instruction
- Family and Consumer Science programs
 - Cut particular programs
 - Eliminate altogether and have standards met through other classes

Potential cuts moving forward

- Technology education
 - Cut/eliminate programs
- Student services
 - Cut/eliminate guidance counselors
 - Cut/eliminate school psychologists
 - Cut school nurses

Potential cuts moving forward

- World Language
 - Eliminate elementary and middle school programs
 - Eliminate particular languages and offer only what is required by state
- Limit opportunities for students
 - Higher class sizes
 - Eliminate dual enrollment program
 - Eliminate some/all electives, including AP

Potential cuts moving forward

- Limit opportunities for students
 - Eliminate special area classes
 - Provide only what is required for graduation for seniors
 - Cut technology
 - Eliminate programs such as PLTW that prepare students with 21st century skills
 - Eliminate intervention programs for academic, social, emotional needs of students

Potential cuts moving forward

- Limit or eliminate district/building information sent home
 - Those without internet access would not receive information
 - Would provide for less transparency in our operations and decisions
- Cut backs on maintenance
 - Would cause more significant costs in future
 - Less sanitary, safe environment for students and staff

Potential cuts moving forward

- Reduction/elimination of senior tax programs to aid senior citizens (where currently available)
- Layoffs of support staff positions
- Furloughs of professional staff
- Furloughs of administrative staff

Moving forward after 2011-12

- Once cuts are made, it will be difficult to get programs, offerings back
- May need to cut more for 2012-13 and future depending on recovery of economy
- Will be scaling back what we offer and what makes us strong districts at a time of increased competition and push for school choice and vouchers