

Administrative Procedure 4025

Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree and General Education

The philosophy and criteria for the associate degree and general education should address the considerations contained in the references listed below. These include, but are not limited to:

- The programs of the District are consistent with the institutional mission, purposes, demographics and economics of its community.
- The philosophy and criteria regarding the associate degree references the policy of the Board of Governors that the associate degree symbolizes a successful attempt to lead students through patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities and insight, including:
 - The ability to think and communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing;
 - The ability to use mathematics;
 - An understanding of the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines;
 - An awareness of other cultures and times;
 - The ability to achieve insights gained through experience in thinking about ethical problems, to develop the capacity for self-understanding.

The philosophy and criteria regarding general education references the policy of the Board of Governors that general education should lead to better self-understanding, including:

- General education is designed to introduce students to the variety of means through which people comprehend the modern world.
- General education introduces the content and methodology of the major areas of knowledge and provides an opportunity for students to develop intellectual skills, information technology facility, affective and creative capabilities, social attitudes, and an appreciation for cultural diversity.

The Superintendent/President shall, in consultation with the Academic Senate, develop and submit to the Board for approval procedures to assure that courses used to fulfill general education and associate degree requirements meet the standards used in this policy.

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