



## CURRICULUM RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND TRIAL POLICY

*This policy was adopted by the Governing Council on June 22, 2016.*

### **Purpose**

The Mountain Phoenix Governing Council has been given authority from Jefferson County School District to review and give approval of requests for curriculum development for Mountain Phoenix Community School upon recommendation of the Director of Education. The development of curriculum and the implementation of change are intricate processes, and require the close collaboration of staff in the Curriculum Committee and other people concerned. Generally speaking, impetus for change may come from a group of faculty members, students, members of the Council, or parents based on individual and/or collaborative strivings to understand the pedagogy and developmental theory that are the foundation of the school.

As a charter school, Mountain Phoenix's Governing Council is responsible for approving Mountain Phoenix's curriculum and standards. The Director of Education oversees the pedagogy and implementation of the curriculum and works closely with the Faculty Council to deliver the educational program and ensure the highest possible standards for teaching and learning. Mountain Phoenix recognizes the important role of innovation and observation in keeping curriculum relevant, meaningful, and effective for students. The Governing Council, therefore, encourages the ongoing professional reflection on teaching practices and working toward the constant renewal of Waldorf pedagogy to meet the evolving learning needs of students and society's changing educational expectations. The Governing Council expects its faculty and administration to regularly evaluate all components of the instructional program and to recommend modifications and changes as well as additions and deletions.

The Governing Council provides opportunities for implementing curriculum offerings and strategies on a trial basis when approval is requested prior to implementation.

### **New Curriculum Offerings**

Mountain Phoenix teachers are encouraged to develop new curriculum offerings within the guidelines of the Waldorf curriculum that enliven the mission and vision of the school. If a section wishes to develop a new curriculum offering, they would work closely with the Curriculum Committee and Director of Education. Mountain Phoenix's Governing Council is responsible for the approval of all new curriculum offerings recommended by the Director of Education and Faculty Council and the following request forms shall be used to submit their recommendation.

### **POLICY HISTORY**

Original proposed to the GC on May 25, 2016  
Adopted on June 22, 2016.

### **LEGAL REF:**

C.R.S. 22-7-407 - Curriculum Development (IGA)  
C.R.S. 22-53-407  
1 CCR 301-1, Rules 2202-R-2.07 (2)



## CURRICULUM OFFERING PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

Name of Proposed Curriculum Offering:

This is a \_\_\_\_\_ New Curriculum Offering; \_\_\_\_\_ Curriculum Offering Renewal

Date Submitted:

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Curriculum Offering Description:

The undersigned support of this proposal.

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## CURRICULUM OFFERING PROPOSAL

Submission of this proposal represents the initial step in the curriculum proposal/change process. The proposal is required for ALL new curriculum offerings. The completed proposal should be submitted to the Curriculum Committee and is due no later than January 15th of the year preceding proposal implementation. Proposals require signatures from the section leader and the Director of Education. The following questions should be considered in the context of Mountain Phoenix's Curriculum Framework. If you need assistance in preparing the proposal, contact one of the Curriculum Committee members.

1. Identify the perceived current and future needs and benefits for students on which this proposal is based. Be specific in describing how the needs or benefits were ascertained.
2. Describe the student audience for whom the curriculum offering is intended and estimate the number of students who might take this class.
3. Explain the possible impact on or relationship with other courses within and outside the program area.
4. List the proposed curriculum offering goals and objectives. Clearly document the relationship between curriculum goals, mission, and vision of the school.
5. If applicable, how does this proposal align with the state professional standards and research?
6. How does this align with the developmental goals of Waldorf education?
7. Describe how the success of the curriculum offering will be evaluated.
8. Describe how the students will be evaluated in this curriculum offering, and how this evaluation will align with existing methods.
9. List additional resources that are needed to support this proposal. This might include additional staff, equipment, materials, finances, or technology.
10. List the names of the staff members who worked on this proposal.