



1001	Curriculum and Curriculum Evaluation Policy
Purpose	This policy outlines obligations in relation to the school's curricula.
Authority	JCSA Constitution articles. SCSA curriculum www.scsa.wa.edu.au
Policy	The school is to determine curricula for each of the Board-approved learning areas and foundation rationales. Teachers are to educate students in accordance with the school's learning area foundation rationales and aims and their associated curriculum.
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1. Each learning area will identify the absolute truths of God's Word as they apply to that learning area. We recognise that the truths of God's Word permeate all the learning areas.
2. The John Calvin School recognises that parents are the primary and most influential curriculum providers of their children.
3. The Board is to approve the overall rationale of the school, set agreed learning areas (currently Religious Studies, English, Maths, HASS, Science, LOTE, Health and Physical Education, Arts, Technologies) and approve the foundation rationale and aims for each learning area.
4. Curriculum delivery at the John Calvin School will be compliant with the school association's constitution, the SCSA requirements and the requirements published in the Standards for Non-Government Schools (in particular standards 1.1, 1.2, 12.1d)
5. The John Calvin School rationale, agreed division of learning areas, and learning area foundation rationales and aims is to be reviewed by the Board every 5 years unless circumstances dictate an earlier need for such a review.
6. The board shall receive an annual report on the curriculum implementation at school, including how the school is meeting its curriculum requirements.
7. Principal and staff of the John Calvin School, with the support of the Office of Reformed Education, are to devise curricula for use in the school. The curricula are to prescribe content and skills that are to be taught in the course of the year for each year level. Staff, particularly in the primary school, are encouraged to integrate the various curriculum areas.
8. A Curriculum Overview, which maps the delivery of curricula in the school, will be kept up to date by the school's curriculum assistant. The curriculum assistant will seek to ensure that there is continuity of curriculum across the year levels.
9. The curricula are to be reviewed and revised annually by the teaching staff. As part of this annual review teaching staff are to ask the following types of questions:
 - a. To what extent is the curriculum addressing the Western Australian Curriculum and enabling all students to meet the WA Curriculum achievement standards?
 - b. To what extent is the curriculum promoting the academic, spiritual, social and emotional development of all students?
 - c. Are there any particular learning needs which are not being met?
 - d. To what extent are the support and learning needs of students with disabilities and at-risk of educational failure met through the curriculum?
 - e. Is the curriculum optimally equipping students for their service to God and their neighbour?
 - f. Is the curriculum content and skills in line with Scripture?
10. Teachers are to educate students in accordance with the curricula.
11. Curriculum in Kindergarten is to be consistent with the principles, practices and learning outcomes of *Belonging, Being and Becoming – The Early Years Learning Framework*.
12. Curricula of the Early Years of schooling (K-2) are to meet the standards as set out in the *National Quality Standards for Early Childhood Education*.
13. Curricula for Pre-Primary to Year 10 is to be consistent with the Western Australian Curriculum or individual IEP's for those students who cannot access the Western Australian Curriculum.



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14. The John Calvin School will implement the approved curriculum in accordance with the *Principles of Learning, Teaching and Assessment*, as outlined on the SCSA website, in so far as the *Principles* are in line with Scripture.
15. The John Calvin School will implement the approved curriculum in accordance with the *Assessment and Reporting Policy*.