

# Curriculum Advisory Committee...

## What is the Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC)?

The purpose of the CAC is to provide community input into curriculum decision making. By Minnesota statute, the advisory committee is established to “ensure active community participation in all phases of planning and improving instruction and curriculum affecting state and district academic standards.”

## What does the CAC do?

Teaching teams meet with the curriculum director during the school year and summer to study current research and district assessment information relating to their curricular area. (Note the chart that outlines what school year the areas of curriculum are studied.) Upon completion of their work, teachers present scope and sequence documents, curriculum maps, textbooks and teaching materials to the CAC for their perusal. Upon recommendation from the CAC, the board of education approves the documents and textbooks for use in classrooms at Dassel-Cokato.

## Who serves on the CAC?

The committee consists of teachers, parents, support staff, students, and community residents. It is recommended that two-thirds of the committee be comprised of parents and community members.

## How are CAC members selected?

The board of education nominates and approves members to serve on the CAC at their regular July board meeting. Residents wishing to serve should contact a school board member indicating their interest. Membership on the CAC is for a three-year term. The CAC meets monthly during the school year in the middle school media center at 7:00 PM.

## Current CAC Members

<b>Community Members:</b>	<b>Term ends June...</b>	<b>Staff Members:</b>	
Donette Danberg	2012	Lorene Force	CAC Facilitator
Carol Impola	2012	Jennifer Meyer	Cokato Elementary
Mike Johnson	2012	B. Holm/H. Little	Dassel Elementary
Lisa Nordberg	2012	Heidi Veith	Middle School
Julie Borg	2013	Ron Hungerford	High School
Anita Harmala	2013	<b>School Board Members:</b>	
John Kaiser	2013	Kevin Bjork	
Kathy Lundeen	2013	Mark Linder	
Faye Nelson	2013	<b>Student Members:</b>	
Mari Pokornowski	2013	Kelsey Jacques	
Doug Burkhardt	2014	Carter Westling	
Jana Knutson	2014	<b>Administrators:</b>	
Walter Marttinen	2014	Jeff Powers	Superintendent
Andrea Verhey	2014	Dean Jennissen	High School
Lynn Wilson	2014	Brian Franklin	Middle School
		Debbie Morris	Dassel
		Lorene Force	Cokato