ADOPT A CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION POLICY

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board adopt a Cursive Writing Instruction Policy.

PURPOSE: This policy will ensure compliance with Public Act 100-0548 which requires, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year: (1) that a unit of cursive writing instruction be offered to elementary students prior to completion of grade 5; and (2) that the Board establish, by policy, the grade level(s) in which CPS elementary students shall be offered cursive writing instruction.

TEXT:

For the 2018-2019 School Year, CPS elementary schools shall offer at least one unit of instruction in cursive writing to students in grade 4 and grade 5. Thereafter, CPS elementary schools shall offer at least one unit of instruction in cursive writing to students in grade 4.

The cursive writing instruction shall promote a student's fluency in both reading and writing cursive.

The Chief Education Officer or designee is authorized to issue curricular standards and instructional strategies to ensure the effective delivery of cursive writing instruction by CPS Elementary Schools.

LEGAL REFERENCES: 105 ILCS 5/27-20.7

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