

# POLICY

## PATERSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### 2220.4 INFUSION OF CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS INTO THE CURRICULA

The Paterson Board of Education supports District efforts to incorporate critical thinking skills into the common core curricula taught to students in pre-K - 12 classrooms within the Paterson Public Schools. Specifically, the Board endorses the use of programs and approaches, including the game of chess and other higher level strategies that infuse critical and strategic thinking skills, intellectual creativity and problem-solving skills into classroom instruction and learning throughout the District.

Furthermore, in light of the New Jersey legislature's recognition of the game of chess as a viable and valuable vehicle for increasing strategic thinking skills, stimulating intellectual creativity and improving problem-solving ability, it shall be the policy of the District to make chess available, at least, as an after-school club or lunchtime activity, depending upon student interest and staff availability at each school, beginning with second grade students. Chess is additionally encouraged as a classroom instructional supplement, depending upon staff expertise and time availability.

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