

Expansion of Curriculum Keynote in Public Schools

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Curriculum in the Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Southfield School Systems has been expanded, especially in the area of language, mathematics and arithmetic science.

Noticeable is an interest in coordinating studies from one school level to the next and in the number of advanced and enrichment classes offered.

In Birmingham, youngsters in grades one through six will be offered a revised arithmetic and social studies program. Science and language arts will be up-dated.

LIBRARY FACILITIES have been expanded in terms of book and audio-visual services and new equipment and more space added, particularly at Franklin, Bloomfield Village, Harlan and Pembroke schools.

The arithmetic program will help younger children to see the "why" behind the rules. They will also learn the foundations of mathematics that can be applied later to high school and college courses.

In social studies, elementary students will be provided with a broad background to prepare them for work at higher school levels.

JUNIOR HIGH school students in the Birmingham system will find that general science courses in grades seven and eight have been replaced by a more intensive study of earth science.

Seventh graders will be required to study foreign language as a part of their language arts sequence. Rapid changes in mathematics have caused further revisions in the junior high program and new materials will be introduced in seventh and eighth grade classes.

Ninth grade students will take a basic speech course, now required of all students before they are graduated.

AT THE HIGH school level, twelfth graders will be offered advanced biology for the first time at Groves. Both Seaholm and Groves will have an advanced chemistry course — open to selected students.

Russian will be taught at both high schools, as the first year of a possible two or three-year sequence.

The art curriculum will be strengthened by the addition of an art appreciation course. In the industrial arts area, a drafting course has been added for the student who plans to study engineering in college.

As in previous years, the Birmingham Board of Education has acted on the recommendations of the several system-wide curriculum committees.

A BROADER SCOPE to education has been emphasized in the Bloomfield Hills system also.

Languages will get special attention with emphasis on ability to converse the goal of "one track," in the words of the educators. The other "track" will provide an introduction to the language and the culture of the country as goals.

Six years of language are provided on "track" one, to turn out an accomplished conversationalist. French or Spanish will be taught all seventh graders to make possible an early decision about the "track" the student wishes to take.

Junior high accelerated courses will include English for the three grades and social studies and arithmetic for seventh and eighth grades.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS in Bloomfield Hills have several new courses: second year biology, physical science, advanced mathematics (beyond solid geometry and trigonometry), advanced science (beyond physics) and office practice.

Accelerated courses will be held in English, mathematics and science.

Non-college preparatory courses

will be given in drafting, shop, typing, office practice, bookkeeping and shorthand. Others are speech, dramatics, homemaking, art, vocal and instrumental music, reading improvement and journalism.

The courses in the non-college category also include consumer mathematics, crafts and ceramics, drawing and painting, commercial art, foods and clothing.

THE SOUTHFIELD School system, which includes Lathrup and Cranbrook in the near-Birmingham area, is planning an expanded curriculum at all levels.

Elementary pupils will study a coordinated social studies program, geared to kindergarten through twelfth grade. Enrichment materials will be introduced and kindergarten

children will experience the benefits of greater emphasis upon reading and number readiness.

At the junior high level, two language laboratories will utilize the audio-lingual approach to learning and television instruction has been enlarged.

NEW COURSES at Southfield High, will be offered in accounting, and blueprint reading. Other new subjects will be German, Russian, Great Books, Greek and Roman mythology, current events and world travel, and home and family living.

Remedial English will be available to these older students in seminar size classes. Advanced biology will be taught, also on a seminar basis. More advanced mathematics students will be able

to elect classes whose content more specifically fits their needs and abilities.

EXPERIMENTAL programs for all grades will include mathematics study groups for grades four through seven and English classes that will utilize team teaching and individualized learning devices with self-pacing techniques.

The experimental English classes will be geared to the junior highs and one class of about 90 students in the high school.

Citizen-Professional Study Results in Educational Growth

Changes in program during the coming year are the direct outgrowth of citizen and professional staff study of community educational needs. These needs were presented to the voters as a part of the request of the board of education for additional operating mileage last November.

It is the aim of the district to extend the curriculum both in breadth and in depth so that there can be no question that Birmingham's youth will be receiving the best possible education for today and tomorrow.

Most important of all, the emphasis is on superior teaching by a top quality staff. Improved salaries and opportunities for professional growth have both been important in attracting many well-qualified teachers to join our staff during the past few months.

Men's Suits

In terms of popularity, the trends for Fall in men and boys' suit colors will feature black, olive tones, charcoal gray, navy, blue tones, medium gray and brown tones.

The most popular predicted patterns will be solids, herringbones, plaids, stripes and checks while the most popular models are expected to be three-button "ivy," three-button vested and double-breasted.

STOP!

Don't Quit School!

Your friends may be envious of your first paycheck, but in several years, they'll be earning more than you are . . . because they will have something you don't have . . . a diploma!

If you drop out of school early, you'll be closing the door on many opportunities which mean bigger paychecks . . . greater satisfaction . . . more security for you and your family in the future.

Don't let opportunity pass you by for lack of proper schooling. Statistics show that high school and college graduates earn almost TWICE in total lifetime earnings than those who have neither diploma. Take time to consider this seriously so you'll have no regrets after it is too late!

As Benjamin Franklin wisely said, "An investment in knowledge always pays the best dividends." It will be the wisest investment you will ever make in your life!

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