School Curriculum Design and Review
From the New Zealand Curriculum to School Curriculum

Three-step development markers

The Design and Review table on the centre pages of this pamphlet is a tool for schools to use over the implementation period 2007–2010. The table is also being made available as an A1 wallchart (item 11335).

The left-hand columns of the table set out the aspects of the curriculum that you are likely to be considering over the next two years: vision, values, key competencies, learning areas, and curriculum principles.

Use the centre-panel timelines as a focus for identifying three marker points at which you might:
- begin reviewing each aspect of your school’s current curriculum in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum;
- initiate redesign of that aspect;
- be well advanced with your redesign.

The review questions set out under the timelines for vision, values, key competencies, learning areas, and curriculum principles aim to help kick-start your discussions. (These questions are also set out on the back page of this pamphlet.)

Use the right-hand column on the chart to summarise responses to the questions:
- What are our immediate priorities?
- How do we rank them (on a scale of 1–5)?
- Why?

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### Timeline markers:

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Insert marker numerals within appropriate quarterly sections of the timelines.

### What are our immediate priorities?

### How do we rank them (scale 1–5)?

### Why?

## Directions for Learning

### Vision

- Young people who are:
  - Confident
  - Connected
  - Actively involved
  - Lifelong learners

### Values

- Excellence
- Innovation, inquiry, and curiosity
- Diversity
- Equity
- Community and participation
- Ecological sustainability
- Integrity
- Respect

### Key Competencies

- Thinking
- Using language, symbols, and texts
- Managing self
- Relating to others
- Participating and contributing

### Learning Areas

- English
- The arts
- Health and physical education
- Learning languages
- Mathematics and statistics
- Science
- Social sciences
- Technology

### Curriculum Principles

- High expectations
- Treaty of Waitangi
- Cultural diversity
- Inclusion
- Learning to learn
- Community engagement
- Coherence
- Future focus

### Review questions:

**Vision**

- Is our vision for our students and their learning clear and shared? Does it express what we want for our young people?
- How might our vision be reflected in the design of our school's curriculum?

**Values**

- Have we identified and agreed on those values that we believe are important for everyone involved in the life of our school?
- Do our values support and complement those in the New Zealand Curriculum?
- Does our curriculum explain how our identified values will be an integral part of teaching, learning, and the daily life in our school?
- Does our curriculum explain how we will review our effectiveness in promoting our values?

**Key Competencies**

- Have we clarified what each key competency should mean for our students and the conditions that will help to develop each competency?
- Does our curriculum explain how the key competencies are to be developed across all learning activities and programmes?
- Does our curriculum provide guidance on how to help students monitor their development and demonstration of the key competencies?

**Learning Areas**

- Are the meaning and intent of our curriculum area statements well aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum learning area statements?
- Does our curriculum explain how our programmes are designed to meet the needs and interests of our students?
- Have we considered making, and planning for, connections across learning areas, values, and key competencies?
- Does our curriculum have a rationale and structure for covering learning area strands and selecting achievement objectives?
- Does our curriculum explain how students' learning and progress are monitored and recorded in relation to learning objectives?

**Curriculum Principles**

- Are the New Zealand Curriculum principles evident in all aspects of the interpretation and delivery of our school's curriculum?
- How will we demonstrate our commitment to the principles and our success in putting them into effect in teaching and learning?
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Redesign may involve minor to major revisions depending on review decisions.

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