



# 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:

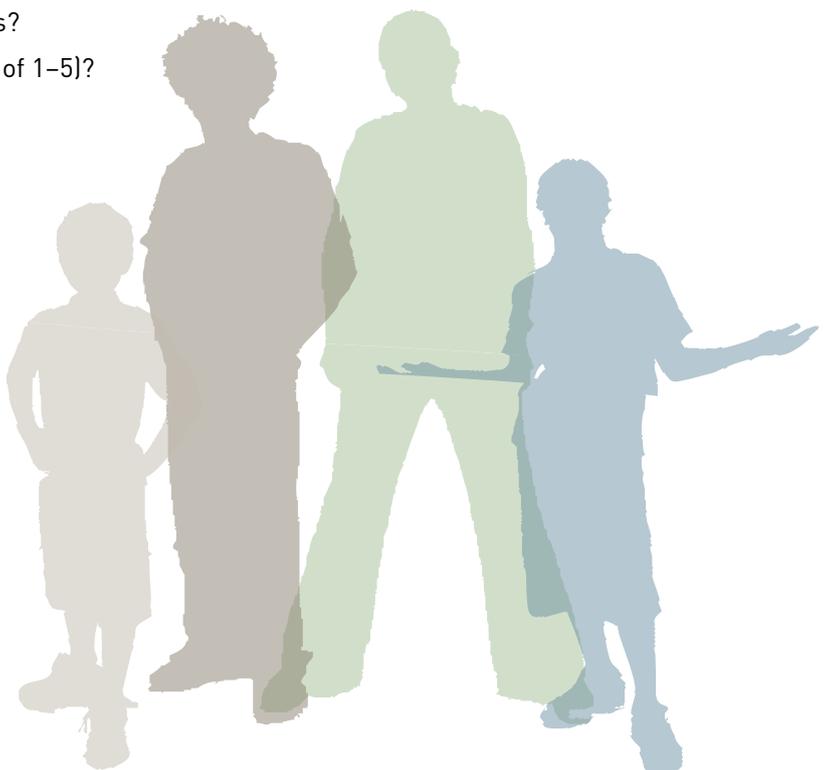
- What are our immediate priorities?
- How do we rank them (on a scale of 1–5)?
- Why?

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# School Curriculum Design and Review: *Three-s*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Timeline markers:** 1 = Current curriculum reviewed alongside the New Zealand Curriculum  
 Insert marker numerals within appropriate quarterly sections of the timelines.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Directions for Learning<br>New Zealand Curriculum – School Curriculum | <b>VISION</b>                | Young people who are:<br>Confident<br>Connected<br>Actively involved<br>Lifelong learners<br><i>Other</i>                                                                   | Jan 2007 <span style="float: right;">Jan 2008</span><br> | <b>Review questions:</b> Is our vision for our students and their learning clear?<br>How might our vision be reflected in the design of our curriculum?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                       | <b>VALUES</b>                | Excellence<br>Innovation, inquiry, and curiosity<br>Diversity<br>Equity<br>Community and participation<br>Ecological sustainability<br>Integrity<br>Respect<br><i>Other</i> | Jan 2007 <span style="float: right;">Jan 2008</span><br> | <b>Review questions:</b> Have we identified and agreed on those values that we value?<br>Do our values support and complement those in the New Zealand Curriculum?<br>Does our curriculum explain how our identified values are reflected in our curriculum?<br>Does our curriculum explain how we will review our effectiveness?                                                                                                               |
|                                                                       | <b>KEY COMPETENCIES</b>      | Thinking<br>Using language, symbols, and texts<br>Managing self<br>Relating to others<br>Participating and contributing<br><i>Other</i>                                     | Jan 2007 <span style="float: right;">Jan 2008</span><br> | <b>Review questions:</b> Have we clarified what each key competency should mean?<br>Does our curriculum explain how the key competencies are reflected in our curriculum?<br>Does our curriculum provide guidance on how to help students develop these competencies?                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                       | <b>LEARNING AREAS</b>        | English<br>The arts<br>Health and physical education<br>Learning languages<br>Mathematics and statistics<br>Science<br>Social sciences<br>Technology<br><i>Other</i>        | Jan 2007 <span style="float: right;">Jan 2008</span><br> | <b>Review questions:</b> Are the meaning and intent of our curriculum area statements clear?<br>Does our curriculum explain how our programmes are designed to meet these statements?<br>Have we considered making, and planning for, connections between learning areas?<br>Does our curriculum have a rationale and structure for these learning areas?<br>Does our curriculum explain how students' learning and progress will be monitored? |
|                                                                       | <b>CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES</b> | High expectations<br>Treaty of Waitangi<br>Cultural diversity<br>Inclusion<br>Learning to learn<br>Community engagement<br>Coherence<br>Future focus<br><i>Other</i>        | Jan 2007 <span style="float: right;">Jan 2008</span><br> | <b>Review questions:</b> Are the New Zealand Curriculum principles evident in our curriculum?<br>How will we demonstrate our commitment to the principles?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

# Step development markers 2007–2010

New Zealand Curriculum

2 = Redesign initiated

3 = Redesign well advanced

Redesign may involve minor to major revisions depending on review decisions.

**What are our immediate priorities?  
How do we rank them (scale 1–5)?  
Why?**

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|  <p>and shared? Does it express what we want for our young people?<br/>school's curriculum?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
|  <p>we believe are important for everyone involved in the life of our school?<br/>New Zealand Curriculum?<br/>will be an integral part of teaching, learning, and the daily life in our school?<br/>effectiveness in promoting our values?</p>                                                                                                                                         |  |
|  <p>mean for our students and the conditions that will help to develop each competency?<br/>are to be developed across all learning activities and programmes?<br/>students monitor their development and demonstration of the key competencies?</p>                                                                                                                                 |  |
|  <p>statements well aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum learning area statements?<br/>designed to meet the needs and interests of our students?<br/>relations across learning areas, values, and key competencies?<br/>r covering learning area strands and selecting achievement objectives?<br/>nd progress are monitored and recorded in relation to learning objectives?</p> |  |
|  <p>all aspects of the interpretation and delivery of our school's curriculum?<br/>principles and our success in putting them into effect in teaching and learning?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |



## The 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?