

concept development and provides a variety of learning experiences appropriate to students on each grade level. A balanced program of both individual and group activities is provided through staff planning and implementation. Reading and mathematics continue to be emphasized. Science, social studies, and language arts are extended areas of student learning. Activities and experiences attempt to stimulate positive attitudes toward self and the learning process.

Junior High - Grades 7-9 - A common program of learning is offered to all 7th graders, including courses in math, science, reading, geography, English, technology education, physical education, home economics, music and art. During the latter part of the 7th grade, pupils formulate plans for selection of 8th grade courses. Likewise, during the 8th grade year, plans are formulated for the selection of 9th grade courses, which include seven curricular areas: academic/business emphasis, academic/math science emphasis, academic/arts-communication emphasis, business vocational, production industries, home economics occupations and building construction occupations. Students are encouraged to discuss course selection with their parents on the basis of past achievements and manifested interests.

Senior High - Grades 10-12 - The Senior High School offers seven curricular areas: academic/business emphasis, academic/math science emphasis, academic/arts-communication emphasis, business vocational, production industries, home economics occupations and building construction occupations. All seven curricula programs offered to senior high students have specific purposes. It is important that each student selects wisely according to his or her interests, aptitudes, abilities and needs. The overall curriculum provides for both required and elective courses.

### AIDS INSTRUCTION TO CONTINUE IN 2011-2012

During 2011-2012, the Tussey Mountain School District will provide instruction concerning AIDS to students in grades 4, 6, 8, 11, and 12. Updates on the AIDS curriculum will be made during the month of September. The curriculum will be available for parent review at each of the elementary offices and the high school office during the month of October.

During the first semester, the instruction on AIDS at the elementary and secondary, takes place during the first week in December. At the secondary school for those students having Health during the second semester, the instruction on AIDS takes place during the first week in April. If a parent/guardian does not desire his or her child to receive this instruction, the parent/guardian must notify the elementary or secondary principals in writing by October 14, 2011.

### HOMEWORK POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Philosophy and Purpose - The Tussey Mountain School District believes homework to be beneficial to a student's total educational experience. Homework increases and reinforces