



# Education Reform Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 40

### PART I

#### SCHOOLS

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#### THE CURRICULUM

##### *Preliminary*

## **1 Duties with respect to the curriculum.**

- (1) It shall be the duty—
- (a) of the Secretary of State as respects every maintained school;
  - (b) of every local education authority as respects every school maintained by them; and
  - (c) of every governing body or head teacher of a maintained school as respects that school;
- to exercise their functions (including, in particular, the functions conferred on them by this Chapter with respect to religious education, religious worship and the National Curriculum) with a view to securing that the curriculum for the school satisfies the requirements of this section.
- (2) The curriculum for a maintained school satisfies the requirements of this section if it is a balanced and broadly based curriculum which—
- (a) promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society; and
  - (b) prepares such pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

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- C1** [S. 1](#) applied (with modifications) (1.4.1994) by [S.I. 1994/653](#). reg. 42(1), Sch. Pt.I  
[Ss. 1-25](#) (Pt. I) except ss. 2(1)(a), 6, 9(3)-(10), 10(1) applied (9.5.1994) by [S.I. 1994/1084](#), [reg.9](#)

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