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# Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021

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## PART 5

### CURRICULUM: POST COMPULSORY EDUCATION IN MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

PROSPECTIVE

#### **59 General curriculum requirement**

- (1) The head teacher and governing body of a maintained school must ensure that the curriculum for the school's pupils complies with the requirement in subsection (2).
- (2) The requirement is that the curriculum is a balanced and broadly based curriculum that—
  - (a) promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of the pupils and of society, and
  - (b) prepares the pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.
- (3) A local authority in Wales must exercise its functions with a view to ensuring that the curriculum complies with the requirement in subsection (2) in every maintained school that it maintains.
- (4) The Welsh Ministers must exercise their functions with a view to ensuring that the curriculum complies with the requirement in subsection (2) in every maintained school.

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