



# Education Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 32

### PART 6

#### THE CURRICULUM IN ENGLAND

##### *General duties in respect of the curriculum*

#### **80 Basic curriculum for every maintained school in England**

- (1) The curriculum for every maintained school in England shall comprise a basic curriculum which includes—
- (a) provision for religious education for all registered pupils at the school (in accordance with such of the provisions of Schedule 19 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) as apply in relation to the school),
  - (b) a curriculum for all registered pupils at the school who have attained the age of three but are not over compulsory school age (known as “the National Curriculum for England”),
  - (c) in the case of a secondary school, provision for sex education for all registered pupils at the school, and
  - (d) in the case of a special school, provision for sex education for all registered pupils at the school who are provided with secondary education.
- (2) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply—
- (a) in relation to a nursery class in a primary school, or
  - (b) in the case of a maintained special school (provision as to religious education in special schools being made by regulations under section 71(7) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998).
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order—
- (a) amend subsection (1) so as to add further requirements (otherwise than in relation to religious education or sex education),

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (b) amend subsection (1)(b) by substituting for the reference to compulsory school age (or to any age specified there by virtue of this paragraph) a reference to such other age as may be specified in the order, and
- (c) amend any provision included in subsection (1) by virtue of paragraph (a) of this subsection.