The Curriculum Improvement Project (CIP) is the Signature assignment in this course. Complete a curriculum improvement project related to NCLB or a piece of legislation/public policy/state or national polices or initiatives.

- **Component One: The Problem (5 points)**
  Identify an educational problem related to the curriculum in a school. Analyze the problem, explain why it is important. Explain why you have chosen a particular approach to solving the problem. Consider examining the mission statement of the school, including the goals and objectives of the school. Explain the educational importance of this project and what other educators might learn from your inquiry.
  
  Criteria for grading includes:
  - Analysis of Problem
  - Description of solution and its importance

- **Component Two: Literature Review (13 points)**
  What do experts say about the curricular problem you have identified? Review the literature and find out! Write a literature review including at least three high quality (experimental) research articles as a part of your seven resources that are related to your CIP. Opinion pieces can be added to support your position but do not qualify as research articles. Pay particular attention to areas of controversy and try to present both sides of any controversial issue. Provide a conclusion to your Lit Review explaining what you have learned from your inquiry. Include a reference list in your paper.
  
  Criteria for grading includes:
  - Relevance and quality of research articles
  - Clarity of article summaries
  - Conclusion and insights

- **Component Three: Implementation Plan (12 points)**
  How is this going to work? Develop a plan for implementing your project. Include a timeline and suggestions for working with teachers and key stakeholders. Describe the resources that would be needed in order for your CIP to be successfully implemented.
  
  Criteria for grading includes:
  - Timeline
  - Suggestions for working with stakeholders
  - Resources needed for CIP

- **Class Presentation (5 points)**
  Presentation of Curriculum Improvement Project
  
  Criteria for grading includes:
  - Position statement advocating CIP
  - Discussion of key points supporting CIP
  - Clarity and organization
  - Use of visual aids and handouts
  - Insights and recommendations

* Curriculum from Assignment #1 may not be used again for this requirement.*