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#### Commitment of all participants

Give special training for committed "lead teachers".

Induce and secure commitment from all relevant persons – teachers, school leaders, politicians, parents, students – in a proposed nationwide curriculum development project.



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#### **Curriculum content**

An excellent curriculum must be practicable by teachers.

Encourage teachers to become more involved in shaping curriculum, applications, contexts, and big ideas.

Formulate clear curriculum goals and promote continuity across levels of school and student ages. Clarify the aims of mathematics for all, and mathematics for some.

#### Assessment

New modes of student assessment, appropriate to curriculum and teaching goals, must be carefully designed and implemented.





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Since 1998, the Swedish Society for Research in Mathematics Education (SMDF) has planned and organized a pre-session for researchers and educators including international guests, <u>http://www.mai.liu.se/~chber/SMDF</u>















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