What should we expect from curriculum?

We should expect:
- Clearly stated objective(s)
- Statement of audiences and settings for which it is designed (bonus would be some suggestions for adapting it for other audiences and settings)
- Background for understanding intended audience(s)
- Content—what teachers need to know to teach it
- Listing of supplemental resources and where to access them
- Process options—what to do and how to do it
- List of what materials are needed to teach this curriculum
- Means for evaluating what happened in light of the objective(s)

Helpful Metaphors:

Map—but we have to know where we are and where we want to go.

Guide—resources for enabling the class and teacher together to achieve their objective(s)

We should <u>not</u> expect:
- To be told what to do and say.
- To be able to teach without preparing.
- Curriculum to be "the answer" to problems in the classroom.

Unhelpful Metaphor:

Blueprint—too exacting when the developers couldn't know the context(s), the tools that are available, and the level of expertise of teachers and students.

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