



SECTION: PROGRAMS

POLICY: 115

TITLE: VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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I. PURPOSE

- A. The Board shall provide a program of vocational technical education to:
 - a. Prepare students for gainful employment as skilled workers or technicians in recognized, new, and emerging occupations.
 - b. Prepare students for enrollment in advanced or skilled vocational and technical education programs and post-secondary education programs.
 - c. Assist students in choosing meaningful career pathways.

II. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this policy, vocational technical education shall be defined as a series of planned academic and vocational technical education courses articulated with one another to teach the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare students to effectively recognized profitable employment.

III. POLICY

- A. The Board shall support a program of vocational technical education which may include:
 - a. Vocational technical courses of study interwoven throughout the curriculum of the school.
 - b. Enrollment of students in a program of vocational technical education outside this District, provided that such program is not offered in this District, and enrollment has been approved by the parent/guardian of the student.
 - c. A recognized school-to-work program to offer students experience in private employment.
 - d. A work-study and/or cooperative education program.
 - e. Attendance at any approved technical career center.
- B. To maintain a program of vocational technical education, the Board shall:
 - a. Approve the placement of students in work-study and career preparatory programs and supervise the nature and conduct of their employment.
 - b. Approve the transfer of students to out-of-district vocational technical programs, when appropriate.
 - c. Approve the content, organization, and assessment standards of all vocational courses stated in the Strategic Plan.

- d. Employ and supervise certified District vocational technical staff.
 - e. Provide adequate facilities and equipment for the maintenance of the District's program.
 - f. In cooperation with the approved technical career center, establish the number of credits to be awarded toward graduation for vocational technical education courses of study and for cooperative education programs.
- C. The Board shall establish appropriate advisory committees to advise the Board, administration, and staff about aspects of the educational program delegated to each advisory committee.
- D. The Board shall ensure that all students and parents/guardians are informed of the student's right to participate in career and technical education programs and courses, and that students with disabilities enrolled in such programs are entitled to services under state and federal laws and regulations.
- E. All students participating in vocational technical programs supervised by this Board are considered to be regularly enrolled District students, subject to District policies and guidelines and the policies and guidelines jointly established by the District and an applicable technical career center or an out-of-district vocational technical program, including rules regarding attendance for those periods when students are not assigned to outside work, projects, or other classes.

IV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

- A. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for developing procedures which ensure that:
- a. All District programs are operated in conformance with the current state plan for vocational technical education and State Board regulations.
 - b. All District teachers are properly certified for their specific teaching assignments.
 - c. All approved planned instruction is carried out.
 - d. Students and parents/guardians are informed that admission to vocational technical education programs is accessible to regularly enrolled students, in accordance with established criteria for admittance.
 - e. The development of District vocational technical curricula is integrated with a continuing assessment of the employment demands and resources of the community and the needs and interests of students.
 - f. All students participating in vocational technical programs supervised by this Board are considered to be regularly enrolled in District schools and are subject to the policies and rules of the Board, and jointly established policies and rules of this District and the approved technical career center.
 - g. All available state and federal sources of revenue for the financial support of vocational technical education are identified and sought.

V. REFERENCES

22 PA Code 4.31
 22 PA Code 12.41
 24 P.S. 1801
 24 P.S. 1806
 22 PA Code 11.28
 24 P.S. 1807
 24 P.S. 1841

24 P.S. 1106
24 P.S. 1808
24 P.S. 1842
24 P.S. 1850.1
24 P.S. 1212
22 PA Code 4.33
22 PA Code 339.2
22 PA Code 339.29
22 PA Code 339.41
Pol. 103
Pol. 113
Pol. 138
22 PA Code 339.13
22 PA Code 339.14
24 P.S. 1809
22 PA Code 339.21
23 Pa. C.S.A. 6301 et seq