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Career and Vocational-Technical Education

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[See POLICY ALERT Nos. 173 and 223]

2421 CAREER AND VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Board of Education ~~believes provides~~ a program(s) of ~~career and vocational-~~technical education ~~is important to the educational development of its students.~~ The New Jersey system ~~purpose~~ of ~~career and technical education~~ has as its purpose to:

1. **Support developmental career education designed to provide students opportunities to enhance career awareness, exploration, preparation, and decision-making skills necessary for success in the workplace; ~~the vocational-technical education program is to develop the academic, vocational, and technical skills of students who elect to enroll in vocational-technical education programs preparing the students for career preparation, gainful employment, lifelong learning, training supplemental to daily employment, and productive citizenship.~~**
2. **Provide secondary and postsecondary students with career and technical education programs and programs of study in Department-recognized Career Clusters in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:19-1.1(a)2.;**
3. **Support a comprehensive K-12 career education and counseling system; and**
4. **Support the workforce development system by helping to ensure quality postsecondary educational opportunities for adult students.**

The Board provides a program of ~~career and vocational-~~technical education

~~Select One Option As Identified Below~~

~~[For County Vocational Schools Districts~~

~~operating as a county vocational school district in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:54-1.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:19-1.1 et seq.]~~



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~~[For School Districts That Only Offer The County Vocational School Option For Career and Vocational-Technical Education Programs~~

~~_____ with students guaranteed the right to apply and, if accepted, to attend a county vocational school district. The district shall will provide a county vocational school district and its designated representative(s) with a reasonable opportunity, during school hours, to present information about the county vocational school district's programs to all students, in grades six Kindergarten through twelve in the schools of the district in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:19-2.3(d). The Board of Education may not in any manner inhibit student access to such information.]~~

For School Districts That Offer The County Vocational School Option And Local Career and Vocational-Technical Education Programs Established In Accordance With N.J.A.C. 6A:19-3.51.1 et seq.

_ with students guaranteed the right to apply and, if accepted, to attend a county vocational school district. The district shall will provide a county vocational school district and its designated representative(s) a with reasonable opportunity, during school hours, to present information about the county vocational school district's programs to all students, in grades six Kindergarten through twelve in the schools of the district in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:19-2.3(d). The Board of Education may not in any manner inhibit student access to such information.

In addition, the district has established local **career and secondary vocational-technical education programs and programs of study approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:19-3.1 as part of a separate career and technical high school or as part of a comprehensive high school curriculum** in accordance with **the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:19-3.5 2.1(e)**. These programs **shall be have been** approved by the Commissioner of Education **pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.2(b)5**.

Admission to the district's **career and vocational-technical education programs** will be open to regularly enrolled students in grades **9 through 12** on the basis of their potential for achieving the occupational or other objective of such instruction.



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All students participating in **career and vocational**-technical education programs within this district or in shared-time **career and vocational**-technical programs are considered to be regularly enrolled in the schools of this district and are subject to the policies and rules of this Board. **The district shall establish admission requirements that include equity and access for all populations, including special populations and special education students.** No student shall be denied admission or participation in any **career and vocational**-technical education programs due to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, **affectional or** sexual orientation, gender, **socioeconomic** social or economic status, or disability.

~~{Optional — For Districts That Offer Vocational-Technical Education Programs In Other School Districts~~

~~{Students may be permitted to enroll in programs of vocational instruction offered by a county vocational school district outside the county only as required in the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:19-2.3(a)2. other local school districts if the Board approves the payment of the tuition and transportation costs and does not offer an identical type of program in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:19-3.1(b).}~~

The district will comply with the general program requirements for **career and vocational**-technical education as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:19-5.23.1 ~~et seq.~~ Students participating in part-time school and part-time employment **career and vocational**-technical programs will not be exploited, illegally employed, or employed under conditions that fail to safeguard the student's health and interest. These students shall receive wages commensurate with wages paid to other employees for similar work and shall be protected by provisions of the Worker's Compensation Act and any other acts of the State pertaining to such training and employment. **The school district will comply with all safety and health standards contained in N.J.A.C. 6A:19-6.1 for career and technical education programs, programs of study, and structured learning experiences.**

Career and technical education programs offered by the school district shall comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54 and N.J.A.C. 6A:19.



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~~The Superintendent shall develop regulations that ensure vocational technical education programs established in the district are conducted within the framework of the State's Plan for Vocational and Technical Education approved by the New Jersey State Board of Education and accepted by the United States Department of Education.~~

The Superintendent shall seek and utilize all available Federal, State, and private sources of revenue for the financial support of **career and vocational**-technical education programs in the district.

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.2; 18A:38-15; 18A:54-1.1 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 6A:19-1.1 et seq.

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