

2421 VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Board of Education provides a program(s) of vocational-technical education. The purpose of the vocational-technical education program is to develop the academic, vocational, and technical skills of pupils who elect to enroll in vocational-technical education programs preparing the pupils for career preparation, gainful employment, lifelong learning, training supplemental to daily employment, and productive citizenship.

The Board provides a program of vocational-technical education with pupils guaranteed the right to apply and, if accepted, to attend a county vocational school. The district will provide county vocational school representatives a reasonable opportunity, during school hours, to present information about the county vocational school program to pupils in grades nine through twelve.

In addition, the district has established local secondary vocational-technical education programs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:19-3.5. These programs 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 vocational-technical education programs will be open to regularly enrolled pupils in grades nine through twelve on the basis of their potential for achieving the occupational or other objective of such instruction.

All pupils participating in vocational-technical education programs within this district or in shared-time 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. No pupil shall be denied admission or participation in any vocational-technical education programs due to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender, social or economic status, or disability.

The district will comply with the general program requirements for vocational-technical education as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:19-5.2 et seq. Pupils participating in part-time school and part-time employment vocational-technical programs will not be exploited, illegally employed, or employed under conditions that fail to safeguard the pupil's health and interest. These pupils 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 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 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.