

## **2421 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

The Board of Education shall provide a program of vocational education and transitional services to prepare pupils for gainful entry-level employment in recognized occupations and in new or emerging occupations, to prepare pupils for enrollment in advanced or highly skilled vocational and technical education programs, and to assist pupils in making informed and meaningful occupational choices.

The Board will support a program of vocational education that includes the enrollment of pupils in a shared-time or full-time program of vocational education outside this district, provided that such program is not offered in this district and provided that such enrollment has been approved by the parent or legal guardian of the pupil, when appropriate.

In order to maintain the district program of vocational education the Board shall approve the content and organization of all vocational courses of study, employ and supervise all vocational education staff, provide adequate facilities for the maintenance of the program, approve the assignment of pupils to work-study and cooperative vocational education programs and supervise the nature and conduct of their employment, approve the transfer of pupils to out-of-district vocational education programs, and establish the number of credits to be awarded toward graduation for vocational education courses of study and for cooperative education programs.

Admission to vocational education programs will be open to regularly enrolled pupils who are qualified by their interest, motivation, and potential for achieving the goals of the program.

Pupils participating in part-time cooperative and work-study programs shall not be exploited, illegally employed, or employed under conditions that fail to safeguard their health and interest.

All pupils participating in full-time vocational education programs supervised by this Board or in shared time programs are considered to be regularly enrolled in the schools of this district and are subject to the policies and rules of this Board, including rules regarding attendance, for those periods when they are not assigned to outside work projects or other classes.

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.2; 18A:38-15; 18A:54-1 et seq.  
N.J.A.C. 6:43-1.1 et seq.

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