

## **RELATIONS WITH OTHER ENTITIES**

### **Local Governmental Bodies**

The Board of Education is an independent body and has no statutory relationship to other governmental bodies. It will, however, cooperate with other governing agencies in serving the best interest of the youth and citizens of the school district.

### **Policy Authorities**

It is the policy of the Board to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the interest of the larger welfare of all citizens. At this time, schools have the responsibility to parents for the welfare of the students while they are in the care of the school. Interrogation of students while at school shall be made according the appropriate Board policies.

### **School Board Associations**

This Board of Education may maintain membership in the West Virginia School Boards Association and/or the National School Boards Association. When mutually beneficial, it may support the objectives of said association.

### **State Education Agencies**

The Board declares its desire to work in close cooperation and harmony with the State Board of Education, the State Department of Education, the Office of Education Performance Audits, the Secretary of Arts and Education, and other state education related agencies. The superintendent is instructed to pay close attention to this matter and to establish satisfactory communications and relations as well as to work cooperatively in every way for the advancement of education.

### **Federal Education Agencies**

This Board participates in federally sponsored and supported programs. The superintendent shall be the liaison between this Board and the education-related agencies of the federal government.

### **Research Agencies**

In order to promote potentially useful research, the Board hereby authorizes and encourages the superintendent of schools to cooperate as far as possible with colleges, universities, and other appropriate research agencies in the conducting of research within the schools. Because of the potentially large number of requests for studies in the schools, it is necessary to limit the number and establish guidelines for the approval of studies. Decisions in connection with research involving students, teachers, or other employees will be influenced by the following factors: 1) The objectives of the research should be clearly stated and the design should produce valid and reliable results which will then be made available to Braxton County Schools 2) The research should be expected to contribute to improvement of education and/or the general welfare of potential for invasion of privacy of students of their families must have advanced written authorization of parents or guardians even though the information if to be collected and reported under conditions of anonymity 4) Research proposals should be of sufficient scope and depth to justify the time and effort of students and staff members 5) In general, instructional activities will not be interrupted unless there is clear significance for the educational program of Braxton County Schools 6) Projects involving student researchers must have prior written approval by a faculty member of the institution of which the student is enrolled and this faculty member must have direct responsibility related to the student's research.

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