

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BLOCK ISLAND SCHOOL

Rationale: Some Block Island students do not have a successful experience during the academic year. Failing one or two courses has an adverse effect on their program of studies, career and education plans, and their schedules. The Block Island School does not provide for a summer school program whereby students may retake a failed course and remain in a consistent academic track. There are many certified educators who live on the Island, have summer houses on the Island, visit the Island, or who live on the mainland and could be contracted by Island families to serve as tutors.

Need: There is a need for the Block Island School to adopt a tutorial policy that would allow a student to retake a failed course for credit.

Goal: To establish a policy and procedure that would allow Block Island students to retake a course for credit.

Objective:

1. The Block Island School adopts a policy whereby parents may hire a certified teacher for the subject in question and privately contract with him/her for 30 hours of tutoring.
2. The Block Island School will provide the tutor with the curriculum expectations.
3. The Block Island School will provide a departmentalized final exam in the subject area. The student will take the final exam under the supervision of the Block Island School administration and/or its designee.
4. The certified teacher must submit his/her credentials to the Block Island School administration for approval.
5. A student's grade can be no higher than an 80 upon successful completion of the program.

Budget: The Block Island School is not responsible for any payments in this program.