

POLICY

SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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1. **PURPOSE**

To establish instructional goals and learning outcomes.

2. **PROCESS**

- A. The Board of Education supports the formulation and implementation of instructional goals and learning outcomes.
- B. Learning is a process which encompasses the total life experience of each individual. The public school system plays a vital role in this process by enabling students to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to understand the world and to contribute and respond to it with intelligence, maturity, and a sense of responsibility.
- C. It is the responsibility of the Board of Education to establish policy for instruction and to establish policy to coordinate supporting services and community resources so that every student can develop to his or her full potential. It is essential to provide the professional staff, the school facilities and the materials and equipment necessary to provide an effective instructional program.
- D. This task in its entirety is beyond the capability of the school system alone. It requires the contributions of parents, as well as families, community groups, and county agencies.

- E. The Board of Education will ensure that valid educational outcomes are established for the youth of Somerset County. The professional staff must determine how these outcomes are to be achieved. The Board will seek to maximize community support in achieving these goals and outcomes. The Board will be informed concerning the achievement of established outcomes and will inform the community.

- F. Somerset County Public Schools provides equal educational opportunities regardless of age, gender, race, color, religion, national origin, disability or sexual orientation. The Somerset County Board of Education does not discriminate in admission or access to its programs and activities on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, color, gender identity and expression, national origin, creed, religion, age, ancestry, genetic information, or physical or mental disability.

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