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The Board of Education believes a program(s) of career and technical education is important to the educational development of its students. The New Jersey system of career and technical education has as its purpose to:

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1. Support developmental career education designed to provide students opportunities to enhance career awareness, exploration, preparation, and decision-making skills necessary for success in the workplace;

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2. Provide secondary and postsecondary students with career and technical education programs and programs of study in Department-recognized Career Clusters in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:19-1.1(a)2.;

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3. Support a comprehensive K-12 career education and counseling system; and

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4. Support the workforce development system by helping to ensure quality postsecondary educational opportunities for adult students.

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The Board provides a program of career and technical education with students guaranteed the right to apply and, if accepted, to attend a county vocational school district. The district shall provide a county vocational school district and its designated representative(s) with reasonable opportunity, during school hours, to present information about the county vocational school district's programs to all students, grades ~~Kindergarten~~, eight through twelve in the schools of the district in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:19-2.3(d). The Board of Education may not in any manner inhibit student access to such information.

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In addition, the district has established local career and technical programs and programs of study approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:19-3.1 as part of a separate career and technical high school or as part of a comprehensive high school curriculum in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:19-2.1(e). These programs shall be approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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Admission to the district's career and technical education programs will be open to regularly enrolled students in grades eight through twelve on the basis of their potential for achieving the occupational or other objective of such instruction.

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All students participating in career and technical education programs within this district or in shared-time career and 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. The district shall establish admission requirements that include equity and access for all populations, including special populations and special education students. No student shall be denied admission or participation in any career and technical education programs due to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, socioeconomic status, or disability.

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Students may be permitted to enroll in programs of vocational instruction offered by a county vocational school district outside the county only as required in the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:19-2.3(a)2.

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The district will comply with the general program requirements for career and technical education as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:19-3.1. Students participating in part-time school and part-time employment career and technical programs will not be exploited, illegally employed, or employed under conditions that fail to safeguard the student's health and interest. These students 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 school district will comply with all safety and health standards contained in N.J.A.C. 6A:19-6.1 for career and technical education programs, programs of study, and structured learning experiences.

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Career and technical education programs offered by the school district shall comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54 and N.J.A.C. 6A:19.

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The Superintendent shall seek and utilize all available Federal, State, and private sources of revenue for the financial support of career and technical education programs in the district.

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N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.2; 18A:38-15; 18A:54  
N.J.A.C. 6A:19

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