

OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION **(Career and Technical Education)**

Career Education

The schools should provide education which is pertinent to the practical aspects of life and prepares students to make the transition from the school setting to the world of work. Therefore, it supports the inclusion of career education in the basic curriculum.

Career education is a program which enables each student to develop career awareness and to explore the opportunities available in a variety of fields so that he/she can make informed decisions about his/her future occupation and/or career choice.

The Board charges the administration with the responsibility for implementation of the career education program in the schools.

Career education is a concept which can be taught in the classroom at all grade levels. At the secondary level, it specifically incorporates career exploration, career guidance and technical education/training opportunities. The latter are designed to equip students to enter postsecondary occupational training and/or specific occupations directly from high school.

Technical Education

Technical education is available as an integral part of the curriculum at the secondary level. It is geared to technological and economic conditions and changes and, as a core component of comprehensive education, shares with other aspects of the high school curriculum the purpose of development of character, attitudes and skills. Guidance and counseling services are provided each technical student throughout his/her program.

In an effort to meet the changing needs of the global, high-tech workforce, the following educational programs will be offered to secondary high school students, adults, postgraduates and others desiring to obtain necessary workforce skills:

- A. Career education in agriculture, business and marketing, health occupations, science/technology/engineering (STEM), and trade and industrial education, including the applied related academic subjects, i.e., math, science and communication skills.
- B. Postgraduate and adult education courses, including apprenticeship programs.

The technical education program is administered by the superintendent or designee.

Fees are charged to students, as established by the Board, to pay for materials they use in these courses and programs.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §3313.90

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