

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The board of education believes that constructive attitudes and concepts involving the dignity of all kinds of work belong in the curriculum from the beginning grades. Therefore, in fulfillment of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, the board shall develop and implement a comprehensive guidance and counseling system that is designed to provide students opportunities to enhance career awareness, exploration, preparation, and decision-making skills necessary for success in the workplace. The board shall ensure that educational programs shall continuously expose pupils to the nature of the wide variety of careers available. The 21st Century Life and Careers Student Learning Standard shall be infused into the curriculum throughout the grades in age appropriate activities. When any hands-on experience requires use of power tools, etc., all eye protection and other appropriate safety regulations shall be observed.

Career Education and Counseling

The board shall develop and implement a comprehensive guidance and academic counseling program for all students to facilitate career awareness, exploration, and preparation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.2. This program shall:

- A. Be linked to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards;
- B. Be infused throughout the K-12 curriculum;
- C. Be supported by professional development programs;
- D. Take into consideration the American School Counselor Association's National Standards for School Counseling Programs;
- E. Provide developmental career guidance and academic counseling linked to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards designed to:
  1. Assist students in making and implementing informed educational and career choices, including opportunities to change career focus;
  2. Support students' academic attainment, career development, and personal/social development;
  3. Develop the student's understanding of the relationship between academic attainment, career development, and personal/social development;
  4. Encourage students to create and maintain portfolios consisting of student accomplishments in academic and career oriented work;
- F. The board shall ensure that students with disabilities (age 14 or younger), if determined appropriate by IEP, have career and academic counseling coordinated with transitional services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.7;
- G. The board shall develop and implement curriculum and instructional methods that:
  1. Are integrated with technological literacy;
  2. Provide all students with an understanding of the career application of knowledge and skills learned in the classroom; and
  3. Provide all students with the opportunity to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to real or simulated career challenges.
- H. The board will develop and implement for all students a system of career development activities that:

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1. Offers the opportunity to explore career interests within, one or more of the Career Clusters (listed below) that are linked to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards;
  2. Allows district boards of education to select the appropriate format for offering career-development activities based on district resources, community needs and student interest;
  3. Allows the board to select an appropriate delivery format that may include an integrated curriculum based on the New Jersey Student Learning Standards or specialized programs that reflect the needs of students and the community; and
  4. Instills the concept of the need for continuous learning throughout one's life.
- I. The board shall offer all high school students the opportunity to actively explore career interests by participation in structured learning experiences that are linked to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards:
1. Structured learning experiences should give students opportunities to demonstrate and apply a high level of academic attainment and to develop career and personal/social goals;
  2. Interested students may voluntarily select structured learning experiences that are co-curricular or extra-curricular activities and taking place within the school district, at a work site, or in the community;
  3. The board shall ensure students participating in school-sponsored, paid, or unpaid external structured learning experiences are supervised by school personnel and conform to federal and state law.

The board directs the chief school administrator or his or her designee to take reasonable measures to expand student awareness of and encourage participation in fields that are non-traditional for their sex, and to expand both access to and success in high-growth fields for both men and women.

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**New Jersey Career Clusters:**

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources  
 Architecture and Construction  
 Arts, A/V Technology and Communications  
 Business Management and Administration  
 Education and Training  
 Finance  
 Government and Public Administration  
 Health Science  
 Hospitality and Tourism  
 Human Services  
 Information Technology  
 Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security  
 Manufacturing  
 Marketing

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Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics  
Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

<b><u>Legal References:</u></b>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-36	Employment certificates to part-time pupils; revocation
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-12.1, -12.2	Protective eye devices required for teachers, pupils and visitors in certain cases
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54E-1 through -5	Business and school partnerships
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:7-1.7	Equality in school and classroom practices
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-2.2	Authority for the state plan for vocational education
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-3.2	Career education and counseling
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-5.1	Graduation requirements
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:9B-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	State board of examiners and certification
	<u>See particularly:</u>	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:9B-9.4, -11.3, -14.19 through -14.21	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:19-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Career and technical education programs and standards
	<u>See particularly:</u>	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:19-1.2, -2.1, -2.3, -3.1, -5.1, -5.2, -6.1, -6.5, -6.7, -6.8	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-17.4	Method of determining tuition rates for county vocational schools
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-12.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Operation and Maintenance of Facilities
	<u>See particularly:</u>	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-12.2, -12.5	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, P.L.109-270

**Possible**

<b><u>Cross References:</u></b>	*3220/3230	State funds; federal funds
	*3516	Safety
	*5142	Pupil safety
	*5145.4	Equal educational opportunity
	*6010	Goals and objectives
	*6121	Nondiscrimination/affirmative action
	*6141	Curriculum design/development
	*6142.2	English as a second language; bilingual/bicultural

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

