NESHANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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115. VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION

1. Purpose
Title 22
Sec. 4.31, 12.41

The Board shall provide a program of vocational technical education in order to:

1. Prepare students for gainful employment as skilled workers or technicians in recognized, new and emerging occupations.
2. Prepare students for enrollment in postsecondary education programs.
3. Assist students in choosing meaningful career pathways.

2. Definition
SC 1801
Title 22
Sec. 4.31

For purposes of this policy, **vocational technical education** shall be defined as a series of planned academic and vocational technical education courses articulated with one another to teach the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare students to effectively pursue recognized profitable employment.

3. Authority

The Board shall support a program of vocational technical education which may include:

1. Prepare students for gainful employment as skilled workers or technicians in recognized, new and emerging occupations.
2. Prepare students for enrollment in postsecondary education programs.
3. Assist students in choosing meaningful career pathways.

SC 1806
Title 22
Sec. 4.31

4. Vocational technical courses of study interwoven and articulated throughout the curriculum of the school.

SC 1809

5. Enrollment of students in a program of vocational technical education outside this district, provided that such program is not offered in this district and enrollment has been approved by the parent/guardian of the student.

	6. A recognized school-to-work program experience in private employment.
Title 22 Sec. 11.28	7. A work-study program for the employment of qualified students in public agencies and institutions.
SC 1801 Title 22 Sec. 4.31, 11.8, 11.28	8. A cooperative education program to offer students experience in private employment.
SC 1806	9. Establishment and maintenance of a school for vocational technical education.
SC 1807, 1841	10. Attendance at the Lawrence County Area Vocational Technical School and participation in a cooperative program of career development.
	In order to maintain a program of vocational technical education, the Board shall:
Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.31 Pol. 100	1. Approve the content, organization and assessment standards of all vocational courses stated in the Strategic Plan.
Title 22 Sec. 4.31, 11.28	2. Approve the placement of students in work-study and career preparatory programs and supervise the nature and conduct of their employment.
SC 1850.1 Title 22 Sec. 4.35	3. Operate programs in compliance with the current state plan for vocational education.
SC 1106	4. Employ and supervise certified district vocational technical staff.
SC 1806 Title 22 Sec. 4.34	5. Provide adequate facilities and equipment for maintenance of the district's program.
	6. Utilize qualifying private resources as necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this policy.
Title 22 Sec. 4.31	7. In cooperation with the Lawrence County Area Vocational Technical School, establish the number of credits to be awarded toward graduation for vocational technical education courses of study and for cooperative education programs.
SC 1808, 1842 Title 22 Sec. 4.33	The Board shall establish appropriate advisory committees to advise the Board, administration and staff concerning the aspects of the educational program delegated to each committee.

4. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for developing procedures which ensure that:
SC 1850.1 Title 22 Sec. 4.31, 4.32, 4.35	1. All district programs are operated in conformance with the current state plan for vocational technical education and State Board regulations.
SC 1212	2. All district teachers are properly certified for their specific vocational technical teaching assignments.
Title 22 Sec. 4.31	3. All approved planned instruction is carried out. 4. Students participating in cooperative education programs are not exploited, illegally employed, or employed under conditions that fail to safeguard their health and interests.
Title 22 Sec. 4.31, 12.41	5. Students and parents/guardians are informed that admission to vocational technical education programs is accessible to regularly enrolled students, in accordance with established criteria for admittance. The Superintendent shall seek and utilize all available state, federal, and private sources of revenue for the financial support of vocational technical education. All students participating in vocational technical programs supervised by this Board, or in vocational technical programs sponsored by this Board, are considered to be regularly enrolled in district schools and are subject to the policies and rules of the Board, and jointly established policies and rules of this district and the Lawrence County Career & Technical Center. <u>Work Release</u> 1. The work release program is limited to seniors. They must have a minimum of seventeen (17) credits and be scheduled to meet the twenty-one (21) credits required for graduation. 2. The work release program is limited to those seniors who can fit it into their schedule. 3. When required, work papers must be obtained. 4. Work release is a privilege which may be revoked at any time. Education always takes precedence over employment.

5. If a student on work release receives a failing grade in any subject, s/he must return to a full day school schedule and give up the work release.

6. The principal or other school official will visit the place of employment periodically to ensure that the employment arrangements are being carried out as agreed.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1106, 1212, 1801, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1841, 1842, 1850.1

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.13, 4.31, 4.32, 4.33, 4.34, 4.35, 11.8, 11.28, 12.41

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