

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Jersey City Board of Education accepts the responsibility for coordinating the available resources of home, school and community in a mutual effort to guide every student's growth towards becoming a self-respecting individual who can effectively function politically, economically and socially in a democratic society.

The board is dedicated to ensuring that all students in the district are provided with the necessary skills and competencies for achievement of the Common Core State Standards for mathematics and language arts and literacy, and the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

A. All children should start school ready to learn:

1. Quality preschool opportunities shall be provided for all children, through collaboration between public schools and community agencies;
2. Parent education programs shall be designed and implemented by the district to assist parents in providing readiness experiences for their preschool children.

B. The high school graduation rate shall be at least 90 percent:

1. The district shall provide least restrictive, alternative programs for students who cannot succeed in the regular high school environment, including those students with disabilities;
2. The district shall provide dropout prevention programs for students at risk.

C. Students shall leave grades three through eight, and 11 having demonstrated competency in challenging subject matter including language arts/literacy and mathematics, science, social studies (civics, history, economics and geography), health and physical education, visual and performing arts and world languages:

1. The district shall implement the state-approved Common Core State Standards for mathematics and language arts and literacy, the Core Curriculum Content Standards for all other subject areas, and the Cross-Content Workplace Readiness Standards and appropriate assessments to enable students to succeed and to evaluate their performance;
2. The district shall provide staff development opportunities to ensure that teachers are adequately equipped to teach challenging and up-to-date subject matter and to implement effective teaching techniques. It shall monitor teaching staff member progress toward achievement of the required 100 clock hours of continuing education to ensure that they are obtaining and maintaining the skills to help all students achieve the Common Core State Standards and the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

D. Students shall learn to use their minds well, so that they may be prepared for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment in our modern economy:

1. The district shall provide students with experiences in higher level thinking, information processing, the responsibilities of citizenship, and employability skills;
2. All students shall demonstrate competency in the subject areas of health, physical education, visual, practical and performing arts and career and technical education;
3. All students shall demonstrate competency in the skills identified in the cross-content workplace readiness standards;

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4. All students shall demonstrate respect for racial, cultural, ethnic and religious diversity;
 5. All students shall use technology skills.
- E. All students shall increase their achievement levels in science and mathematics to contribute to our country's ability to compete academically with all other countries of the world:
1. The district shall revise its curriculum offerings in science and mathematics according to state standards;
 2. The district shall provide staff training in the teaching of mathematics and science at grades K-12 to increase teachers' understanding of and ability to teach these subjects.
- F. Every adult shall be literate and possess the knowledge and skills necessary to compete in a global economy and exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship:
1. Adult education programs shall be increased in conjunction with other local districts, community colleges and other educational agencies, to provide greater opportunities for adults to continue learning for work skills, leisure pursuits, intellectual and cultural growth and to assist their children in learning;
 2. Business and industry shall be encouraged to collaborate with educational agencies to design and increase access to educational programs for adults, such as flex time, distance learning and interactive technology.
- G. District schools shall be free of drugs and violence and offer a safe, disciplined environment conducive to learning:
1. The district shall develop partnerships with parents to establish the responsibilities of each to create and maintain safe and healthy educational environments for all students;
 2. The district shall provide programs and staffing to deal with students at risk;
 3. The school and community shall expand their cooperative efforts to create drug and violence-free environments;
 4. All students shall develop a positive view of self and learn to use effective interpersonal skills.

The board shall develop, in consultation with the superintendent and teaching staff members, a written educational plan for the district. This plan shall be reviewed and adopted annually and shall include:

- A. Written educational goals;
- B. An assessment of student needs;
- C. Specific annual objectives based on identified needs and action plans to implement them;
- D. Standards for assessing and evaluating the achievement of objectives;
- E. The establishment of reasonable student minimum proficiency levels in the areas addressed in the Common Core State Standards for mathematics and language arts and literacy;
- E. The establishment of reasonable student minimum proficiency levels in the areas addressed in the Core Curriculum Content Standards for science, social studies (civics, history, economics and geography), health and physical education, visual and performing arts and world languages;
- F. An educational program consistent with these goals, objectives, standards and needs;
- G. Evaluation of student progress.

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Key Words

Instructional Goals and Objectives, Goals and Objectives in Instruction

Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 Evaluation of performance of each school
N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-2 Boards of education; establishment of standards
N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-43 Comprehensive Education Improvement and Financing Act
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-1 District to furnish suitable facilities; adoption of courses of study
N.J.S.A. 18A:35-1 et seq. Curriculum and Courses
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.1 et seq. Standards and Assessment
See particularly:
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.2
 through -1.3, -2.1, -3.1,-4.4
N.J.A.C. 6A:9-15.1 et seq. Required Professional Development for Teachers
N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-1.1 et seq. Fiscal accountability, efficiency and budgeting procedures
See particularly:
N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-19.1 et seq.
N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.1 et seq. Educational Facilities
N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1et seq. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-2.1 Definitions
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.1 Reporting requirements
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.2 School-level planning

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.

Possible

Cross References: *1100 Communicating with the public
 *1120 Board of education meetings
 *1230 School-connected organizations
 *1600 Relations between other entities and the district
 *2131 Superintendent
 *2240 Research, evaluation and planning
 *3542 Food service
 4010 Goals and objectives
 *4111 Recruitment, selection and hiring
 *4116 Evaluation
 *4131/4131.1 Staff development; inservice education/visitations/conferences
 *4211 Recruitment, selection and hiring
 *4231/4231.1 Staff development; inservice education/visitations/conferences
 *5113 Absences and excuses
 *5120 Assessment of individual needs
 *5124 Reporting to parents/guardians
 6000 Concepts and roles in instruction
 6011 Thorough and efficient/QEA
 *6140 Curriculum adoption
 *6141 Curriculum design/development
 *6142 Subject fields

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*6145	Extracurricular activities
*6147	Standards of proficiency
6152	Grouping
*6156	Instructional planning/scheduling
*6160	Instructional services and resources
*6162.4	Community resources
*6164.2	Guidance services
*6164.4	Child study team
*6171.1	Remedial instruction
*6171.2	Gifted and talented
*6171.4	Special education
*6300	Evaluation of the instructional program

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