

**CRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
CRANFORD NEW JERSEY**

**POLICY: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

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

~~The Board believes New Jersey state goals should be applicable for every child in the Cranford School District.~~ **The board is dedicated to ensuring that all students in the district are provided with the necessary skills and competencies for achievement of the Core Curriculum Content Standards.**

- A. All children should start school ready to learn.
  - 1. Quality preschool opportunities are encouraged for all children, through collaboration between public schools and community agencies.
  - 2. Parent education programs may 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 pupils who cannot succeed in the regular high school environment, including those students with disabilities.
  - 2. The district shall provide dropout prevention programs for pupils at risk.
- C. Pupils shall leave grades four, eight and 11 having demonstrated competency in challenging subject matter including reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies (civics, history and geography), health, physical education and fine, practical and performing arts.
  - 1. The district shall implement state-approved curriculum content standards and appropriate assessments to enable pupils 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 members 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 Core Curriculum Content Standards.**
- D. Pupils 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 pupils shall demonstrate competency in the ~~subject areas of health, physical education, fine, practical and performing arts and career education.~~ **skills identified in the cross-content workplace readiness standards.**

3. All pupils shall demonstrate respect for racial, cultural, ethnic and religious diversity.
- E. All pupils 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 ~~as they are developed~~.
  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. ~~All pupils shall increase their achievement levels in Language Arts Literacy/English, Social Studies and World Languages to contribute to our country's ability to compete academically with all other countries of the world.~~ **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. ~~The district shall revise its curriculum offerings in Language Arts Literacy/English, Social Studies and World Languages according to state standards as they are developed.~~ **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. ~~The district shall provide staff training in the teaching of Language Arts Literacy/English, Social Studies and World Languages at grades K-12 to increase teacher's understanding of and ability to teach these subjects.~~ **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 pupils.
  2. The district shall provide programs and staffing to deal with pupils 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.
- H. All pupils will use information technology, and other tools. \*
1. Pupils will increase their skills in the use of information, up-to-date education technology, and other tools to improve learning.
  2. The district shall provide staff training in the teaching of technology, and other tools at grades K-12 to increase teachers' understanding of and ability to teach these subjects.

\* Not Mandated

We further believe that individual students will vary widely in ability, interest and background.

It is therefore the aim of the Cranford Board of Education to provide at all levels of education development the following:

1. ~~A broad instructional program including intensive instruction in the skills of communication and mathematics.~~
2. ~~A climate which will encourage sound social, physical, and emotional growth leading to the development of a sense of individual responsibility through extensive guidance and counseling programs involving all staff members.~~
3. ~~A high quality instruction and administrative staff.~~
4. ~~Opportunity for staff development and participation in educational improvement.~~
5. ~~Class sizes best suited to the nature of the subject and the characteristics of the learner.~~
6. ~~Sufficient and current materials of instruction and equipment.~~
7. ~~Safe, up-to-date, efficient and well-maintained physical facilities within which to conduct the educational program.~~
8. ~~Assistance to parents in better understanding their role and its implementation in the "partnership of education."~~

The Board shall develop, in consultation with the chief school administrator 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 pupil 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 pupil minimum proficiency levels in the ~~basic reading, writing and mathematics skills;~~ **areas addressed in the Core Curriculum Content Standards;**
- F. An educational program consistent with these goals, objectives, standards and needs;
- G. An evaluation of pupil progress.

A copy of the written educational plan will be available in the Board of Education Office.

**Legal References:**      N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10      Evaluation of performance of each school

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-2	Boards of education; establishment of standards
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7F-43	<u>School Funding Reform Act of 2008</u> through -63
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-1	District to furnish suitable facilities; adoption of courses of study
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Curriculum and Courses
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Standards and Assessment
<u>See particularly:</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-1.2	
through -1.3, -2.1, -3.1, -4.1, -4.4	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:9-15.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Required Professional Development for Teachers
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Fiscal accountability, efficiency and budgeting procedures
<u>See particularly:</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-19.1 <u>et seq.</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Educational Facilities
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-2.1	Definitions
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-12.1	Reporting requirements
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 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	Chief school administrator
*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
*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.

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