

PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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115. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	
<p>1. Purpose Title 22 Sec. 4.31, 12.41</p>	<p>The Board shall provide a program of vocational education to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<p>2. Definition SC 1801 Title 22 Sec. 4.31</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>3. Authority</p> <p>SC 1806 Title 22 Sec. 4.31</p> <p>SC 1809</p> <p>SC 1801 Title 22 Sec. 4.31, 11.8, 11.28</p>	<p>The Board will support a program of vocational education which may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vocational technical courses of study interwoven and articulated throughout the curriculum of the school. 2. 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. 3. A recognized school-to-work program experience in private employment. 4. A cooperative education program to offer students experience in private employment.

SC 1807, 1841	5. Attendance at the Schuylkill County Area Vocational Technical School and participation in a cooperative program of career development.
Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.31	In order to maintain a program of vocational technical education, the Board shall:
Title 22 Sec. 4.31, 11.28	1. Approve the content, organization and assessment standards of all vocational courses of study as stated in the Strategic Plan.
SC 1850.1 Title 22 Sec. 4.35	2. Approve the placement of students in work-study and career preparatory programs and supervise the nature and conduct of their employment.
SC 1809	3. Operate programs in compliance with the current state plan for vocational education.
SC 1106	4. Approve the transfer of students to out-of-district vocational technical programs.
SC 1806 Title 22 Sec. 4.34	5. Employ and supervise certified district vocational education staff.
Title 22 Sec. 4.31	6. Provide adequate facilities and equipment for the maintenance of the district's program.
SC 1808, 1842 Title 22 Sec. 4.33	7. Utilize qualifying private resources as necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this policy.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	8. In cooperation with the Schuylkill County Area Vocational Technical School, establish the number of credits to be awarded, toward graduation, for vocational education courses of study and for cooperative education programs.
SC 1850.1 Title 22 Sec. 4.31, 4.32, 4.35	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.
SC 1212	The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for developing procedures which shall ensure that:
	1. All programs shall be operated in conformity with the current state plan for vocational education and State Board regulations.
	2. All teachers shall be properly certified for their specific vocational technical teaching assignments.

<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.31</p>	<p>3. All approved planned instruction is carried out.</p> <p>4. Students participating in cooperative education programs are not exploited, illegally employed, or employed under conditions that fail to safeguard their health and interests.</p> <p>5. Development of vocational technical curricula is integrated with a continuing assessment of the employment demands of the community and the state, as well as the needs and interests of students.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.31, 12.41</p>	<p>6. Student 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.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall seek and utilize all available state, federal, and private sources of revenue for the financial support of vocational technical education.</p> <p>All students participating in vocational technical education programs supervised by this Board or in vocational technical programs sponsored by this Board are considered to be regularly enrolled in the district, and are subject to the policies and rules of this Board, and jointly established policies and rules of this district and the Schuylkill County Area Vocational Technical School, including rules regarding attendance for those periods when they are not assigned to outside work projects or other classes.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1106, 1212, 1801, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1841, 1842, 1850.1</p> <p>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</p>