

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Board of Education believes that the success of educational programs and operational goals depends on the professional growth and effectiveness of the entire staff. The Board also recognizes its responsibility to encourage staff development through goal setting, budgetary commitment, and monitoring staff development activities. The Board encourages individual pursuit of staff development experiences. The Superintendent of Schools will have the authority to approve release time and expenses for individual staff members' attendance at training conferences, study councils, inservice courses, workshops, summer study grants, school visitations, professional organizations, etc., within budgetary constraints.

Inservice programs will be conducted under the direction of the Superintendent or other appropriate personnel at least annually. The Superintendent is directed to provide for the selection of subjects pertinent to the curriculum in the schools, and to build from these subjects courses for inservice of: staff development which will help teachers acquire new methods acceptable to schools, Or to help them to improve techniques already in use. Such programs will also familiarize the teaching staff with the provisions and purposes of the school conduct and discipline policy, to ensure its effective implementation.

Ref: Education Law §§ 1709(32), 3604(8)

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