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INNOVATION IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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Legal References: 20 U.S.C. § 1232h; G.S. 115C, art 16; G.S. 115C-36, -47

Cross References: 3.2000 Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program; 3.2100 School Improvement Plan; 3.3000 Curriculum Development; 3.3400 Curriculum and Instructional Guides

The board welcomes new and innovative ideas in curriculum as additional avenues to achieve the goals and objectives of the educational program. Administrators are encouraged to pursue innovative programs and to take advantage of community resources in order to enhance and enrich the learning process. In addition, the board believes that parental involvement is vital to the development and implementation of new programs and encourages administrators to involve parents in plans for innovative projects.

The board encourages school administrators to use community resources, including businesses, that can effectively contribute to the advancement of educational goals. Resource persons in the community may be used in the classroom to help with teaching the prescribed curriculum.

Pilot programs may be initiated by the administrators of any school with the approval of the board. Such programs should be included in the proposed school improvement plan. If the program will modify the curriculum, the proposal should first be submitted to the curriculum committee in accordance with board policy 3.3000 Curriculum Development. If a school improvement plan is already in effect, the school administrator may submit a modified plan for board approval. Board approval is required before implementation may take place.

All pilot projects and educational programs will follow state and federal laws and regulations. Parents and guardians of children in the applicable federally funded programs have the right to inspect all instructional materials used in connection with the such programs.

The superintendent will develop administrative regulations as necessary for the implementation of this policy.