**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM** *Policy Code:* **3000**

It is the goal of the board that every scholar be provided the opportunity to receive a sound basic education and graduate from high school prepared for work, further education, and citizenship. It is also the goal of the board that every student complete a course of study in one of NERSBA’s partner higher education institution. The board recognizes the critical role of parents, governmental and nonprofit agencies, businesses, and the community in helping individual scholars and the school meet this goal. To ensure that the educational program meets rigorous academic standards, the board will strive to maintain accreditation of the school by AdvancED and/or the State Board of Education.

A successful educational program depends on innovation. The board is committed to allowing administrators to develop and implement plans necessary to ensure the educational success of scholars.

The board will provide an educational program that offers scholars the opportunity to receive a sound basic education. The program will meet statewide instructional standards as prescribed by the State Board of Education. The board believes that the administrators of the educational program must strive to provide each scholar with the opportunity to:

1. develop sufficient ability to read, write, and speak the English language and a sufficient knowledge of mathematics, and physical science to function in a complex and changing society;
2. develop sufficient knowledge of geography, history, and basic economic and political systems to make informed choices with regard to issues that affect the scholar personally or affect the scholar’s community, state, and nation;
3. develop sufficient academic and career and technical skills to successfully engage in post-secondary or highly skilled career and technical education and to compete on an equal basis with others in further formal education or gainful employment in contemporary society;
4. learn about biotechnology and agriscience education through innovative curricula and project-based learning.
5. to become leaders through FFA leadership and career development activities.
6. learn to be responsible for and accept the consequences of his or her conduct and academic performance;
7. develop the capacity to examine and solve problems;
8. foster respect and appreciation for cultural and ideological diversity and differences;
9. develop the ability to be productive in a team environment;
10. learn and acquire the skills necessary for a lifetime of continuous learning and adaptation to change in the workplace and society;
11. prepare for challenging curriculum beyond secondary school and, when appropriate, complete high school courses required for college entry in less than four years;
12. achieve high levels of success in a rigorous curriculum;
13. acquire the skills needed for technological literacy in a rapidly changing world; and
14. remain in school and earn a high school diploma and, when appropriate, earn additional college credit.

These goals and objectives of the educational program will be used to guide administrators, teachers, and the board in all of their duties, including curriculum development, selection of materials, and issues related to instructional time.

Legal References: G.S. 115C art. 8 pt. 1; 115C-12(32), -12(39), 151, -238.66; *Leandro v. State*, 346 N.C. 336 (1997); State Board of Education Policies GRAD-006, SCOS-016

Cross References: Board Authority and Duties (policy 1010), Curriculum Development (policy 3100), Selection of Instructional Materials (policy 3200), Counseling Program (policy 3610)

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