

Policy

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Mission Statement

In partnership with families and community, the Little Silver School District is invested in continued excellence by inspiring critical thinking, fostering intellectual curiosity, and promoting acceptance of individuals, allowing children to achieve their full potential as responsible, contributing citizens of an ever-changing global community.

It is the expectation of this school district that all students achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels.

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The Little Silver Board of Education accepts the responsibility for coordinating the available resources of home, school and community in a mutual effort to guide every student's growth towards becoming a self-respecting individual who can effectively function politically, economically and socially in a democratic society. In addition, the board believes that by providing diverse and relevant educational choices supported by research-based practices in the use of technology, students will be prepared for successful participation in higher education programs and/or the careers of the 21st century.

The board is dedicated to ensuring that all students in the district are provided with the necessary skills and competencies for achievement of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

A. All children should start school ready to learn:

1. Quality preschool opportunities shall be provided for all children, through collaboration between public schools and community agencies;
2. Parent education programs shall be designed and implemented by the district to assist parents in providing readiness experiences for their preschool children.

B. Students shall leave grades three through eight having demonstrated competency in challenging subject matter including English language arts; mathematics; science; social studies; visual and performing arts; comprehensive health and physical education; world languages; technology; and 21st Century Life and Career Standards:

1. The district shall implement the state-approved New Jersey Student Learning Standards and appropriate assessments to support student achievement and to evaluate school, district and individual student 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 20 hours of continuing education annually to ensure that they are obtaining and maintaining the skills to help all students achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

C. Students 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:

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1. Students shall be given the opportunity to improve self-direction and self-sufficiency in the areas of critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning, analysis, interpretation, and synthesizing information;
 2. Students shall become responsible digital citizens of the global internet community with ethical, safe and responsible habits, actions, and consumption patterns;
 3. All students shall demonstrate competency in the skills identified in the 21st Century Life and Careers Standards;
 4. All students shall demonstrate respect for racial, cultural, ethnic and religious diversity.
- D. The district shall provide a curriculum that integrates science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics throughout the educational program to increase student achievement levels and to contribute to our country's ability to compete academically with all other countries of the world in a global economy:
1. The district shall revise its curriculum to integrate science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics into all areas of the district education programs;
 2. The district shall provide staff training opportunities in the teaching strategies for integrating mathematics, technology, engineering, arts and science in the curriculum at grades K-8.
- E. All students 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;
 2. The district shall provide staff training in the teaching of mathematics and science at grades K-8 to increase teachers' understanding of and ability to teach these subjects.
- F. The board of education shall maintain an academic environment that is free from harassment and provide equal and bias free access for all students to all school facilities, courses, programs activities and services, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, disability, nationality or socioeconomic status. The district shall:
1. Provide schools and facilities that are barrier free;
 2. Provide effective programs that support a safe and respectful school climate and culture and provide effective prevention of and intervention for incidents of harassment, intimidation and bullying;
 3. Ensure that the requirements for the completion of courses are nondiscriminatory;
 4. Ensure that courses are not offered separately on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, pregnancy, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, religion, disability, or socioeconomic status;
 5. Ensure that minority, female, and male students are not underrepresented in all classes and programs, including gifted and talented, accelerated, and advanced classes.
- 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 students;
 2. The district shall provide programs and staffing to deal with students at risk;
 3. The school and community shall expand their cooperative efforts to create drug and violence-free

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environments;

4. All students shall develop a positive view of self and learn to use effective interpersonal skills.

The board shall develop, in consultation with the superintendent 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 student 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 student minimum proficiency levels in the areas addressed in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards;
- F. An educational program consistent with these goals, objectives, standards and needs;
- G. Evaluation of student progress.

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Key Words

Instructional Goals and Objectives, Goals and Objectives in Instruction

Legal References:	<p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7A-10 NJQSAC for evaluating school performance</p> <p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-2 Boards of education; establishment of standards</p> <p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7F-43 <u>Comprehensive Education Improvement and Financing Act</u></p> <p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-1 District to furnish suitable facilities; adoption of courses of study</p> <p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-1 <u>et seq.</u> Curriculum and Courses</p> <p><u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-1.1 <u>et seq.</u> Standards and Assessment</p> <p><u>See particularly:</u></p> <p><u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-1.2 through -1.3, -2.1, -3.1,-4.4</p> <p><u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:9C-2.1 <u>et seq.</u> Professional development for teaching staff member and school leader</p> <p><u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-1.1 <u>et seq.</u> Fiscal accountability, efficiency and budgeting procedures</p> <p><u>See particularly:</u></p> <p><u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-22.1 <u>et seq.</u></p> <p><u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-1.1 <u>et seq.</u> Educational Facilities</p> <p><u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1<u>et seq.</u> Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts</p> <p><u>Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, Pub. L. 114-95, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.</u></p>
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<u>Cross References:</u>	*1100	Communicating with the public
	*1120	Board of education meetings
	*1230	School-connected organizations
	*1600	Relations between other entities and the district
	*2131	Superintendent
	*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.