

Roane County Schools

100.013 Educational Plan – Support Plan

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The Educational Plan proposed for this ten-year planning period provides a standard against which existing facilities can be measured (e.g., how well do the facilities support the goals defined in the plan). This includes an analysis of the current educational program and projections of the planned educational program.

E. Support Plan

Guidance Services

The content standards for academic development guide the school counseling program to implement strategies and activities to support and enable students to experience academic success, maximize learning through commitment, produce high quality work, and be prepared for a full range of options and opportunities after high school. The academic development area includes the acquisition of skills in decision making, problem solving and goal setting, critical thinking, logical reasoning, and interpersonal communication and the application of these skills to academic achievement. The school counseling program enables all students to achieve success in school and to develop into contributing members of society.

Health Services

All students will receive health services as required by West Virginia Code. Good health is essential to good learning. School health services program are part of the educational process, providing early identification of health programs and follow-up activities to facilitate and assure appropriate health / medical care. Emphasis is placed on preventive services and health education to reduce absenteeism and academic failure.

Library/Media Services

The use of technology in the library media center is especially critical. As technology advances, the ability to access information quickly and efficiently is critical to prepare students for real world applications. Roane County Schools are committed to meeting the continuing need for current technology and technology applications for library media specialists and students. An automated library including networked school-wide electronic catalog and electronic research databases are essential to an effective school library media program. Computer software, audio and video media, along with Internet sites, provide students opportunities to access information both for schoolwork and for lifelong personal enrichment, therefore, Roane County Schools will commit to meet this need for school library media centers, library media specialists, and students as funding allows.

Transportation Services

Roane County Schools provides buses to transport the total school population. Bus routes are arranged to transport students to school safely, efficiently, and quickly as possible. Transportation services are an integral part of the school system. Each student will be provided transportation to the extent necessary to assure the opportunities for optimum learning.

Child Nutrition

Roane County Schools shall establish and operate a breakfast program under which a nutritious breakfast is made available to all students enrolled in the school in accordance with standards of the WVDE. In addition the School Breakfast Program, the National School Lunch Program provides nutritious meals for all students who choose to participate in the program. All schools meet the dietary guidelines set forth by the United States Department of Agriculture and the WV Nutritional Guidelines.

Technology Integration and Distribution

Roane County Schools believes that a 21st Century curriculum that incorporates learning skills and technology tools is an increasingly important aspect of developing learners prepared for success in the 21st Century. Students need the necessary skills and access to technology tools to take responsibility for their own learning, to be actively involved in critical thinking and problem solving, to collaborate and cooperate and to develop as productive citizens. Understanding that students are exposed to up-to-date technology in various aspects of their lives outside of school setting, the district believes that the school and its staff must utilize technology as a seamless integration into lesson plans, classroom activities, and both accelerated and support services. The learning environment will be designed and equipped to be part of today's and tomorrow's technologies and computerized society. Administratively, schools will be managed with the aid of computer systems and analysis to prepare students for today and tomorrow.

Technology must be interwoven with educational improvements and reform to accomplish educational goals, increase student achievement, and provide increased opportunities for lifelong learning.

English as a Second Language

English as a Second Language services, or specially designed instruction will be provided at no cost to parents to meet the unique educational needs of an eligible English language learner student, including sheltered instruction conducted in the classroom and in other settings, shall be provided as specified in the student's Limited English Proficiency program of study and in accordance with WVBE Policy 2417, Regulations and English Language Proficiency Standards for English Learners.

School Psychological Services

School Psychological Services are provided to students as needed. School psychological services facilitate the interpersonal and academic development of all students and foster the social and emotional health of students. School psychologists assist teachers and other school personnel with assessment information, behavior intervention plans, safe schools information, test taking skills, and reduction of test anxiety.

Special Education Services

Roane County Schools provides Special Education services, or specially designed instruction, at no cost to parents to meet the unique educational needs of an eligible exceptional student, including instruction conducted in the classroom, in the home, in hospitals and institutions, and in other settings as specified in the student's IEP and in accordance with WVBE Policy 2419. Related services include transportation and such developmental, corrective, and other supportive services as are required to assist an eligible exceptional student to benefit from special education and shall be provided as specified on the student's IEP. Specific related services are defined and described in WVBE Policy 2419 and WVBE Policy 2422.7.

Alternative Education Programs

Alternative education programs for disruptive / non-traditional students encompass a range of program options such as in-school suspension, a separate part-time/full-time alternative education classroom, a

school-with-a-school, a school on an alternative site, an after school class / night school program, or a combination academic/work-based program. Roane County Board of Education shall have broad flexibility in developing the type of alternative education program options needed to meet the needs of students. The goals of such programs will be to:

- Assist students in developing self-discipline and a sense of personal responsibility
- Provide students a safe learning environment
- Provide students a flexible curriculum
- Assist students in improving academic grades
- Encourage students to develop a positive self-concept
- Assist students in recognizing barriers that inhibit learning
- Enable students to obtain re-entry into the traditional educational setting.

Facilities

Roane County Schools ensures that facilities meet the standard set forth in WVBE Policy 6200.

Instructional Materials, Supplies, and Equipment

Roane County Schools will ensure that the instructional materials used as the primary resource for instruction in required programs of study are on the most recent list of state adopted instructional materials or have been locally reviewed, exempted by WVBE through an approved waiver, or offered through the West Virginia Virtual School.