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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Marengo County Board of Education shall carry out its commitment to maintaining strong education agency relations by cooperating to the extent possible with other education agencies and maintaining memberships in appropriate education organizations.

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PRIVATE SCHOOLS RELATIONS

The Marengo County Board of Education shall comply with federal regulations in sharing federal funds with private and parochial schools within the community.

Further, the Board shall cooperate with private and parochial schools within the community in other matters of mutual benefit where not expressly prohibited by law.

Ref: See Ala. Const. art. XIV, 263.

INTERDISTRICT RELATIONS

SHARED SERVICES

The Marengo County Board of Education shall participate in shared services with other Boards as required by federal and state laws as they relate to federal projects in which the local schools are involved.

The Board endorses the idea of cooperative undertakings with other School Systems when such endeavors create a more effective learning environment for students.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

The Marengo County Board of Education views athletics as an integral part of the curriculum and instructional program. All School System personnel involved in athletic programs shall plan and conduct all athletic activities in accordance with sound fiscal and education principles. The welfare of the participants and the student body shall be placed before other aspects of the athletic program.

All athletic programs in the local schools shall be conducted in accordance with state law and the regulations of the State Board of Education, appropriate accrediting agencies, the Alabama High School Athletic Association, and other applicable state and federal laws or regulations.

All athletic contests shall be conducted in accordance with the following:

- A. The local school principal shall, in cooperation with the Superintendent, coordinate and control all aspects of the athletic programs at the school in which he is principal.
- B. The local school principal or his designated representative shall attend all athletic events held at the home site to observe and give general supervision as the circumstances may require. The principal's designated representative shall be someone other than the coach or coaches.
- C. The local school principal and members of the professional staff shall develop acceptable codes of conduct designed to influence and guide the behavior of students, professional staff members, and spectators at athletic events.
- D. The local school principal shall be responsible for operating a financially sound athletic program.
- E. Where possible, the school principal and coaching staff shall provide for the presence of a certified athletic trainer at all athletic events.

Ref: Ala. Code 16-13-5, 16-13-6, 16-13-7, 16-8-8, 16-8-9, 16-9-1 to -12, 16-3-18, 16-37-1 to -8, 16-38-1 to -6.

EDUCATION RESEARCH AND SERVICE CENTERS

It shall be the policy of the Marengo County Board of Education to cooperate with the colleges, universities, and other agencies in promoting potentially significant research. Because of the very large number of requests to make questionnaire and interview studies in schools, it has been necessary to set definite criteria for such studies.

Decisions in connection with research involving students, teachers or other employees are based on the following policies:

- A. The project should be so designed that it can be expected to produce valid and reliable results.
- B. It should be expected to contribute something useful and of value for the improvement of education.
- C. Outlines must be submitted and should be of sufficient scope and depth to justify the time and effort to be consumed.
- D. In general, it is the policy of the Board not to interrupt the work of pupils or teachers.

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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The Marengo County Board of Education desires that staff and students of the School System utilize in every feasible way the resources provided by the colleges and universities in the state. The Superintendent is to keep the Board informed of all opportunities for shared and cooperative services between the School System and institutions for higher learning.

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STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIPS

The Marengo County Board of Education shall cooperate with accredited colleges and universities for the training of student teachers to the extent that such training will both enhance educational opportunities for the classroom students as well as provide a training opportunity for the student teacher.

Guidelines shall be prepared by the Superintendent's office for the direction of staff members in handling the student teacher program.

Ref: Ala. Code 16-8-7 to -10, 16-9-13.

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SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

The Marengo County Board of Education shall maintain membership in the Alabama Association of School Boards.

Ref: Ala. Code 16-1-6.

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STATE EDUCATION AGENCY RELATIONS

The Marengo County Board of Education declares its desire to work in close cooperation and harmony with the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education. The Superintendent is instructed to establish meaningful communications and relationships with these and similar educationally-oriented agencies.