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5115 <u>RETURN TO SENDING SCHOOL DISTRICT BY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL</u> <u>DISTRICT</u>

The Essex County Vocational Technical School District (ECVT) has been established in accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:554 - Vocational School Districts. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A-54-20.1, students who are eligible to attend a school district or regional school district within the county, and others as permitted by law, may apply for admission to this school district. A student meeting the school district's eligibility requirements and admission standards will be accepted for admission to the school district in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:55 et seq.

As schools of choice, the programs offered by ECVT School District exist to serve the academic and career interests of students in Essex County. Students admitted to ECVT School District from their resident district must demonstrate a commitment to pursue a certain program of study related to a specific career path through academic performance, adherence to the code of conduct, and consistent attendance to the program of study. In addition, a student's continued enrollment in the school district will require a student to meet such expectations while attending a school or program of this school district.

There will be circumstances when a student does not meet the expectations for students in the school district and, under these circumstances, the school district may return the student to the educational program of the student's resident school district. A student may be returned to their sending district based on a pattern of unacceptable conduct regarding discipline, attendance, or academics or a single disciplinary violation of a significant nature.

Discipline

It is recognized by ECTV that in order to provide a thorough and efficient education there must be an organized and controlled environment. Due to the nature of vocational training, the safety of students, staff members and others is of utmost importance.

Attendance

Consistent attendance is critical to a student's success in a CTE program. Too many absences (whether excused or unexcused) impact a student's ability to benefit from the program of study and may cause the student to be returned to their resident school district.



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Academics

In order for a student to maintain a pathway to graduation, they must accumulate the specified amount of credits within each ECVT program. If a student fails to maintain the specified credit hours required by the specific program of study that the student is enrolled to attend may cause the student to be returned to their resident school district.

A decision to return a student to their sending district shall be made by the Superintendent of Schools upon consultation with the school administration and school staff members with knowledge of the student's academic, conduct, and/or attendance records.

Prior to making a final decision to return to a student to a sending district, the Superintendent will offer the parent(s) and student an opportunity to meet and show why the student should not be returned to the sending district. The Superintendent, upon considering the totality of the circumstances concerning the student, will make a final determination to return the student to the sending district or the Superintendent may offer the student continued enrollment in the school district provided the student complies with the required conditions. The conditions of the student's continued enrollment in the school district shall be developed by the Superintendent and agreed to by the parent(s) and student. Noncompliance with the agreed upon conditions will result in the student being returned to their sending district.

A determination by the Superintendent of Schools to return the student to the sending school district shall be coordinated with the sending school district to ensure the student's return to the sending district provides minimal disruption to the student's educational program.

A student's recommended return will be done in a manner that takes into consideration the welfare of the child. For the most part, dismissals will be timed to coincide with the end of a marking period or end of a school year. However, the administration reserves the right to immediately return a student to his or her resident district. A Return to District/Expulsion may occur after first offense at the discretion of the Superintendent.



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N.J.S.A. A.2C:12-1 N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1; N.J.S.A. 18A:37 et seq.; N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-1 et seq. N.J.S.A. 6A:14-2.8

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