115. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

1. Purpose
The Board shall provide a program of vocational education:

- to prepare students for gainful employment as semi-skilled workers or technicians or semiprofessionals in recognized occupations and in new or emerging occupations;

- to prepare students for enrollment in advanced or skilled vocational and technical education programs; and

- to assist students in the making of informed and meaningful occupational choices.

2. Definition
For purposes of this policy, "vocational education" shall be defined as any form of education, the purpose of which is to fit an individual to effectively pursue profitable participation in a recognized trade or technical field of endeavor.

3. Authority
The Board will support a program of vocational education which shall include:

- vocational courses of study as part of the regular curriculum of the school; and/or

- attendance at the Western Montgomery County Area Vocational Technical School and participation in a cooperative program of vocational development.

4. Responsibility
In order to maintain these programs, the Board shall:

- approve the content and organization of all district operated vocational courses of study;

- authorize the assignment of students to workstudy and cooperative vocational education programs under the auspices of the Western Montgomery County AVTS.
| 5. Delegation of Responsibility | The Board shall appoint a lay advisory committee to advise the staff on appropriate educational objectives, instructional content and levels of achievement. The Superintendent shall be responsible for developing procedures which shall ensure that:

- all programs shall be operated in conformity with the current State Plan for vocational education.
- the development of vocational curricula is integrated with a continuing assessment of the employment demands and resources of the community and the needs and interests of students.
- the operation of vocational education is in compliance with rules of the State Board regarding vocational education.

The Superintendent shall seek and utilize all available sources of revenue for the financial support of vocational education in this district.

All students participating in vocational education programs supervised by this Board are considered to be regularly enrolled in the schools of this district, subject to the policies and rules of this Board, and jointly established policies and rules of this district and the Western Montgomery County Area Vocational-Technical School, including rules regarding attendance for those periods when they are not assigned to outside work projects or other classes. |

| School Code | 1106, 1212, 1806, 1809, 1850-1 |
| PA Code | 1801, 1802, 1841, 1840 |
| Title 22 | Sec. 5.11, 6.11, 6.21, 6.34, 6.717 |