

POSITIONS AND POLICIES ON EDUCATION

Alternative Educational Programs

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Home Schooling

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that the rights of parents to have their children educated at home, implicitly authorized under the Compulsory Education Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:38-25, must be balanced with the state's authority and responsibility to ensure that all children receive a thorough and efficient education. In exercising their right to provide home schooling, parents should assume the responsibility to ensure that the instruction given at home is equivalent to that provided in the public schools.
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that parents should be required to submit the names of school-age children being taught at home to the local school district in order to avoid questions regarding compliance with the Compulsory Education Law.
- C. **The NJSBA believes** that, while local boards of education should be encouraged to work cooperatively with home-schooling families, school districts should not have the burden of making determinations of instructional "equivalency." Local school board responsibility should be limited to notifying the New Jersey State Department of Education of the names of district students who have been reported to be home schooled and to filing complaints against parents/guardians who fail to comply with their Compulsory Education Law responsibilities. *[Authority: DA 6/95-CR (Home Schooling), DA 11/97-SR, DA 5/02-SR, DA 11/02-SR, DA 11/07-SR, DA 11/12-SR, DA 11/17-SR]*

Dropouts

- A. **The NJSBA believes** in the importance of effective dropout prevention measures.
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that it is essential to maintain accurate information on the student dropout problem in New Jersey and to determine methods of improving the collection and reporting of accurate data on dropouts. *[Authority: DA 12/82-CR (Urban Education), DA 11/97-SR, DA 5/02-SR, DA 11/02-SR, 11/07-SR, DA 11/12-SR, DA 11/17-SR]*

Cross References: 1430 State and national units
5114 Suspension and expulsion
5131 Conduct/discipline

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