

The Elkin Board of Education believes that the academic achievement of at-risk students can be improved and that, with adequate intervention, the number of students labeled “at-risk” will decline.

In order to ensure that at-risk students receive the best benefit from the available educational system in order to facilitate their movement into productive adult life-styles, this board of education adopts the following guidelines to address the problems of at-risk students in the Elkin City Schools:

- 1) All students should have equitable access to educational opportunities, including appropriate and necessary support.
- 2) Adequate and equitable funding should be available to meet the needs of at-risk students.
- 3) All child-serving agencies should cooperate in providing services to students and, when possible, provide services on the school campus.
- 4) School and community groups should stress the importance of education, the well-being of the individual, and respect for education and academic achievement.
- 5) Resources should be provided to eliminate inhibitors to positive academic performance of all at-risk students, including males, teen parents, and student substance abusers.
- 6) Partnerships among parents, businesses, educators, and service groups should be established to study and recommend a sound economic base for quality education and an improved citizenry.
- 7) School staffs should provide academic excellence for all students.
- 8) To the extent possible, the school staffs should reflect the diversity of the student population.
- 9) The teaching staff should use effective strategies in all aspects of instruction and classroom management.
- 10) Board policies and administrative procedures should support programs which are designed to reduce the number of at-risk students.
- 11) The Board should engage in marketing and public relations practices which encourage community and parental support and involvement in the schools.

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- 12) All policymakers should participate in training sessions to become aware of the issues surrounding at-risk students and current programs which are designed to reduce the number of at-risk students.

Schools staffs are encouraged to develop strategies for assuring that each of these guidelines governs all educational practices in the individual schools. The Elkin Board of Education is committed to providing assistance to local school staffs as they strive to meet the needs of at-risk students.

Legal References:

Cross References:

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