

Gadsden City Schools

Section M: Education Agency Relations

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Policy MA: Goals and Objectives

Gadsden City Schools

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Status: ADOPTED

The Board 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.

Policy MC: Private Schools Relations**Gadsden City Schools****Original Adopted Date:** 07/10/1990 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 07/10/1990**Status:** ADOPTED

The Board 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 Alabama Constitution art. XIV, 263.

Policy MD: Interdistrict Relations

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Shared Services

The Gadsden City 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 districts when such endeavors create a more effective learning environment for students.

Interscholastic Athletics

The Board views athletics as an integral part of the curriculum and instructional program. All school district 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.

Ref: Alabama Code 16-13-5, 16-13-6, 16-13-7, 16-11-9, 16-9-1 to -12, 16-3-18, 16-37-1 to -8, 16-38-1 to -6.

Policy ME: Education Research and Service Centers**Gadsden City Schools****Original Adopted Date:** 07/10/1990 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 07/10/1990**Status:** ADOPTED

It shall be the policy of the Board 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; and
- D. In general, it is the policy of the Board to limit the interruption of work of pupils and teachers as much as possible.

Ref: Alabama Code 16-6-1 to -6, 16-23-13, 16-12.5.

Policy MF: Colleges and Universities**Gadsden City Schools****Original Adopted Date:** 07/10/1990 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 07/10/1990**Status:** ADOPTED

The Gadsden City Board of Education desires that staff and students of the school district 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 opportunities for shared and cooperative services between the school district and institutions for higher learning.

Policy MFB: Student Teaching and Internships

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Professional personnel within the school system are encouraged to participate with colleges and universities in training future teachers. The Board of Education shall cooperate with various teacher training institutions in the area and shall, within the limits herein set, accept student teachers from these training institutions.

While all teachers are encouraged when requested to participate in teacher training by accepting student teachers, no professional personnel employed by the Board of Education shall be required to do so. No teacher shall be penalized in any fashion by the Board for his failure to accept a student teacher.

If a stipend should be awarded for student teachers from any college or university, that amount will be transferred to the individual school account and utilized by the supervising teacher for the purchase of instructional equipment for his department or grade level.

Student teachers are to be utilized in accordance with the goals and objectives of the supervising teacher and within the guidelines of the colleges and universities. Student teachers are not to be used to supplant any other activities which are not in agreement with the above objectives.

The school district will cooperate with the teacher training institutions of the state by accepting and supervising student teachers, provided the following requirements are observed:

- A. Student teachers shall be approved by the local school principal.
- B. Student teachers will be assigned only to teachers agreeing to serve as a supervising teacher.
- C. All student teachers, while attached to the school district, shall adhere to the Board policies and administrative rules and regulations of the school and school district.

Ref: 16-11-9, 16-12-3 (a); 16-12-5.

Policy MGB: School Boards Associations

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The Gadsden City Board of Education is authorized to maintain membership in the Alabama Association of School Boards.

Ref: Alabama Code 16-1-6.

Policy MI: State Education Agency Relations**Gadsden City Schools****Original Adopted Date:** 07/10/1990 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 07/10/1990**Status:** ADOPTED

The Board 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.

Policy MK: Educational Accreditation Agency Relations

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It shall be the goal of the Board to establish and maintain membership and accreditation for all schools with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Ref: Alabama Code 16-3-11, 16-3-13, 16-2-1 to -6, 16-4-4, 16-11-9, 16-11-8, 16-11-20, 16-12-3 (a), (b), 16-12-5, 16-12-8, 16-12-9.
