

Purpose

To identify the Board's position on multicultural education

Definitions

N/A

Policy Statement

Public schools shall include as part of curricular and program offerings appropriate instruction for developing knowledge, understanding, and appreciation for cultural groups in society.

The Board of Education of Allegany County shall establish a Multicultural Advisory Committee to assist them in making decisions regarding multicultural education.

The advisory committee shall be known as the Allegany County Multicultural Advisory Board. The primary purpose of this board shall be to assist the Allegany County Board of Education in making decisions regarding multicultural education.

This organization will provide assistance and direction with the following:

- a. To raise the awareness level of the different facets of multiculturalism in the community
- b. To promote awareness of multiculturalism to assist in the harmony of the community
- c. To train educators in strategies and techniques of multiculturalism to be used county-wide
- d. To promote a school climate that reflects the diversity of the community
- e. To identify resources within the community to assist with classroom instruction
- f. To provide an education base that will enable the school system to provide curricula, instruction, staff development, and instructional resources that are multicultural while recognizing our diversity as well as our commonality
- g. To cooperate with the National Association of Multicultural Education and the State Task Force in Multiculturalism.

Membership

Membership for the Allegany County Multicultural Advisory Board shall be by an application process.

Membership will be limited to twenty-five (25) individuals who reflect the following composition:

Membership of the Allegany County Multicultural Advisory Board shall be made up of community members (representing diverse racial, national origin, religious and gender groups). Allegany County School Board members, central office administrators, principals, teachers, guidance counselors, media specialists, community librarians, students and parents.

The Superintendent of the Allegany County School Board shall appoint the chairperson of the Allegany County Multicultural Advisory Board.

Members of the Allegany County Multicultural Advisory Board shall serve for two (2) continuous years. A person may reapply to service on this Advisory Board after two (2) years of non-service on this board.

By-Laws

Roberts Rules of Order shall be the authority for parliamentary procedure in this organization and in all cases not otherwise specified.

The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of one-third of the Advisory Board membership who must be present in order to vote.

Legal Reference	Code of Maryland Regulations	COMAR	13A.04.05
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