I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a program of multicultural education for all schools in order to provide a continuous integrated multiethnic, multidisciplinary process for educating all students about diversity and commonality.

II. Statement of Policy

The Board directs that the instruction and curriculum throughout all grades enable students to demonstrate an understanding of and an appreciation for cultural groups in the United States; that such instruction and curriculum be an integral part of education for a culturally pluralistic society; and enable students to apply these skills to fully participate in the democratic process of their community, state, nation and world. The Board further directs that staff development be conducted to prepare staff to design, manage, implement and evaluate multicultural education and that needs assessments be conducted in accordance with State Board of Education requirements not less than every five years regarding multicultural education and its components as set forth in Maryland State Board regulation.

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