

Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

2-205.

(h) (1) With the advice of the State Superintendent, the State Board shall establish basic policy and guidelines for the program of instruction for the public schools.

(2) The policy and guidelines shall be printed in sufficient quantities to provide copies to:

- (i) Public school officials and teachers;
- (ii) Private schools; and
- (iii) Interested citizens of this State.

(3) The State Board of Education shall require the establishment of criteria in each county for the selection of applicants for enrollment in public secondary school [vocational-technical] CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY education programs. Enrollment criteria developed for this purpose shall ensure equal access to programs.

(q) (1) The State Board shall coordinate the overall growth and development of elementary and secondary education in this State.

(2) In consultation with the superintendent of schools, the State Board shall develop and periodically update an overall plan consistent with the bylaws that shall identify:

(i) The present and future needs of elementary and secondary education throughout the State, including a discussion of the demographic composition of the elementary and secondary population;

(ii) The present and future capabilities of the public elementary and secondary education system in this State;

(iii) The short-range and long-range objectives and priorities for elementary and secondary education and methods and timelines for achieving and maintaining them;

(iv) Whether current programs adequately prepare graduates for employment opportunities in this State, or postsecondary education opportunities;

(v) The status and needs of the [vocational technical] CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY education program, the vocational rehabilitation program, and the library system of these programs;

(vi) The technological advancements that would enhance elementary and secondary education throughout the State;