

Article - Education

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(a) There is a Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center.

(b) The purpose of the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center is to provide an accessible laboratory environment for:

(1) Training students from public institutions of higher education to be teachers in elementary schools by providing students the opportunity for early field experience;

(2) Identifying and addressing appropriate early childhood and elementary education research needs and priorities in this State;

(3) Providing opportunities for demonstration and observation of effective teaching practices; [and]

(4) Providing in-service and staff development opportunities for faculty from teacher education programs, prospective principals and experienced teachers in Maryland elementary schools INCLUDING CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TEACHER RE-TRAINING FOR NEW CURRICULUM AREAS;

(5) DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A CENTER FOR ELEMENTARY SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION TO ALLOW STUDENTS HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCES;

(6) EXPANDING THE CURRENT CURRICULA, TO INCLUDE:

(I) DEVELOPMENT OF ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS IN YOUNG CHILDREN;

(II) INSTRUCTION IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES; AND

(III) UNDERSTANDING OF OTHER CULTURES AND SOCIETIES AND CURRENT WORLD EVENTS; AND

(7) DEVELOPING MODEL PROGRAMS TO MOTIVATE AND AID PARENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR CHILDREN'S HOMEWORK, FOR USE THROUGHOUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.

(c) The Governor shall appoint a board of trustees to govern the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center who shall:

(1) Establish policy and exercise general control over the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center;

(2) Appoint the principal and upon the recommendation of the principal shall appoint all professional and support staff and determine the salaries of the professional and support staff;

(3) Authorize the curricula to be used;