

TRUMBULL REGIONAL AGRISCIENCE/BIOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Policy

It is the policy of the Trumbull Board of Education to offer the Trumbull Regional Agriscience/Biotechnology Program in cooperation with the Connecticut State Board of Education. The program will provide a systematic educational program in agriscience and biotechnology for students in the cooperating school districts of Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Milford, Orange, Monroe, Shelton, Stratford and Trumbull.

It is expected that instruction in the classroom and the field be directed to the development of an individual's abilities and agriscience interests including:

- Natural Resources/Environmental Science
- Pre-veterinarian medicine studies
- Floral design
- Horticulture
- Agriculture mechanics
- Equine Science
- Biotechnology
- Animal Science

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Regulations

General

1. An administrator will be designated by the Trumbull Board of Education who will work in conjunction with the Agriscience Department Chairperson.
2. The program will follow the legislative and regulatory directives as mandated by the State of Connecticut.
3. The facilities, provided by the State of Connecticut, are to be used primarily for agriscience/biotechnology and related courses unless written authorization for exception is made by the State of Connecticut. Requests for exception must be authorized by the Agriscience/Biotechnology Director.
4. The Agriscience/Biotechnology Director is responsible for preparing the program's annual budget to be reviewed and approved by the Trumbull High School Principal, Central Office Administration and the Trumbull Board of Education.
5. All fund raising activities of the program will follow the Board of Education Fund Raising policy (Policy Code: 1324).
6. Every effort is to be made to maintain or exceed standards for the-Agriscience/ Biotechnology program established by the Connecticut State Board of Education.

Enrollment

1. Standards and practices to be used in admitting pupils to Agriscience/Biotechnology classes are developed in cooperation with administrators, teachers, and guidance counselors.
2. A copy of these standards and practices is made available to those concerned in the cooperating school districts of the region. This information is also available on the Trumbull Public Schools' website, www.trumbullps.org.
3. Maximum and minimum enrollments in Agriscience/Biotechnology classes follow State guidelines and are set by the Agriscience/Biotechnology Director after consultation with school administrators. Factors of economy, safety and efficiency of instruction are considered.
4. Any student who is denied admission to the program is given opportunity to review his/her case with the Agriscience/Biotechnology Director.

Regulations cont'd

Personnel

1. Unless an exception is noted, all general obligations and rights of other teachers employed by the Trumbull Board of Education apply to teachers of agriscience/ biotechnology.
2. To ensure supervision of the agriscience work study program, there will be teacher coverage during the summer months and school recesses.
3. Teachers of agriscience, when required to use their personal cars in carrying out their duties, including on-farm instruction, attendance at professional and technical agriculture meetings and other activities commonly expected of them, are reimbursed at the rate of all other school employees.
4. Any travel outside of the region for which reimbursement is claimed must be authorized and approved according to the Trumbull Board of Education policy on Field Trips (Policy Code: 6153).

Reference

- Section 10-64, 1 and 2, Boards of education may establish regional agriscience/ biotechnology centers, General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended.
- Section 10-65, 1 through 8, Grants for vocational agriculture centers, General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended.
- Legislation, Sections 10-64, 65, and 66.
- Trumbull Board of Education policies:

Reimbursement for Expenses, Policy Code 4122
Field Trips, Policy Code 6153
Fund Raising, Policy Code 1324
Transportation, Policy Code 3541