

Incarcerated Students

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The Guilford County Board of Education (the “Board”) recognizes that providing students with the opportunity to receive a sound basic education must be the primary focus of the District and the Board. Included within this is our duty and obligation to educate incarcerated youth in cooperation with local detention centers.

In an effort to improve educational outcomes for all students, including students with disabilities, it is critical that these vulnerable populations continue their education.

Education plays a significant role in reducing poverty, improving employability, disrupting the school to prison pipeline, and reducing recidivism. In short, education is critical to any rehabilitative process.

Removing students from school for any reason can have negative consequences. Removal from school to local detention centers creates significantly more barriers to positive life outcomes and disproportionately affects socioeconomically disadvantaged students, ~~and male students of color,~~ who are traditionally overrepresented in instances of school-based disciplinary action and special education classes, while being underrepresented in gifted, honors, and other academic enrichment opportunities.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop an administrative regulation that provides additional guidance on mandatory delivery of education and services offered to students with disabilities who are incarcerated.

Legal References:

Cross References:

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