

**Equal Educational Opportunity****Reduction of Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation**

The EASTCONN Board of Directors shall provide, in conformity with all applicable state statutes and regulations, educational opportunities for students to interact with students and teachers from other racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds in order to reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation. Such opportunities may be provided with students from other communities.

In providing such opportunities, the EASTCONN Board of Directors will consider such programs or use such methods as:

1. Inter-Agency magnet school programs;
2. Charter schools;
3. Inter-Agency after-school, Saturday and summer programs and sister-school projects;
4. Intra-Agency and inter-Agency public school choice programs;
5. Inter-Agency school building projects;
6. Inter-Agency program collaborative for students and staff;
7. Minority staff recruitment;
8. Distance learning through the use of technology;
9. Experiences that increase awareness of the diversity of individuals and cultures; and
10. Community and parental involvement in the school Agency.

The EASTCONN Board of Directors shall report biennially to the Commissioner of Education on EASTCONN programs and activities undertaken to reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation, including information on the number and duration of such programs, the number of students and staff involved and evidence of the progress over time in the reduction of racial, ethnic and economic isolation. Such information shall, through the Commission of Education, be reported to the Governor and the General Assembly.

(cf. [1110.1](#) Parental Involvement)

(cf. [1212](#) School Volunteers)

(cf. [1330](#) Use of School Facilities)

(cf. [5117.1](#) Intra-Agency Choice/Open enrollment)

(cf. [5117.2](#) Inter-Agency Choice)

(cf. [5117](#) School Agency Lines)

(cf. [5118](#) Nonresident Attendance)

(cf. [6010](#) Goals and Objectives)

(cf. [6114.7](#) Safe Schools)

(cf. 7010 Goals and Objectives - Construction)

(cf. 7100 Planning-Construction)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-4a](#) Educational interests of state defined.

[10-220](#) Duties of boards of education

[10-226h](#) Programs and methods to reduce racial, ethnic, and economic isolation  
(as amended by PA 11-179)

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