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We believe that...

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• Everyone has the right to a safe, healthy, caring, and inclusive environment which fosters equity and cultural proficiency, respect and high expectations, maximizes potential, motivates interest and enthusiasm, and encourages the sharing of ideas.

• We are a diverse, inclusive community of reflective, lifelong learners, both children and adults.

• Our diverse community of children and adult learners is a valuable resource entitled to the high-quality, equitable instruction and services.

• Respect, inclusivity, honesty, trust, and integrity are essential in all of our interactions.

• The foundation of our organizational success is grounded in continuous evaluation, high standards, innovation, and effective communication through a lens of equity and inclusivity.

• The integrity, equity, and high standards of our educational programs are reflected in our student outcomes, and provide students with the skills they need to become responsible citizens and contributing members of the global society.

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Understanding BOCES

Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) were created statewide to support and supplement local school districts. Each BOCES offers services that a single school district could not provide as efficiently and economically on its own. Component school districts pay only for the services they elect to purchase, as well as a proportionate share of their BOCES Administrative Budget.

BOCES Governance

Eastern Suffolk BOCES is governed by a 14-member board elected by the boards of education of our component school districts. Board members serve for three-year terms which staggered so that five seats open each year. An ESBOCES board member must reside within the boundaries of a component school district, need not be a member of a school board, and may not be an employee of a component school district. The board is the official policy-making body of ESBOCES. ESBOCES board members, like all school board members in New York State, serve on a volunteer basis and receive no pay for their services.

BOCES Funding

School districts that elect to utilize Eastern Suffolk BOCES programs or services are charged for those services. Each of the 51 component school districts pays an administrative charge to fund a share of the ESBOCES administrative costs. Although ESBOCES does not receive State Aid, school districts that use ESBOCES services may receive aid for those services.

Regional Information Center Services

The Suffolk Regional Information Center (RIC) provides school districts with a wide array of technology tools and solutions. These high-quality programs and services are designed to provide our school districts with the most cost effective and efficient technologies available. Financial and District Services provides computer-based services and customer support for fiscal and administrative management software. Also offered are a Data Privacy and Security Core Service, secure email service, email archiving, and School Safety and Educational Climate (SSEC) reporting. The enhanced Virtual Learning Services provide opportunities for credit recovery, credit bearing, home-bound instruction, and blended courses/content, in addition to a large variety of K-12 video conferencing opportunities. LAN/WAN/Network/Technical Infrastructure Management and Support Services provide internet access and fiber WAN services, hosted NOC management solutions, and security and surveillance services along with Google and Microsoft Office 365 implementation and maintenance support. Technology Acquisition awards opportunities for the procurement of one-time and multi-year administrative and instructional hardware/software options, and network printer projects. Student Data Services programs include Student Data Analysis, Reporting Requirements and Regulations Support, and Student Management Systems.

Career, Technical & Adult Education Services

Workforce development, civic engagement, and a literate society: this is the work of the CTE Department. Through rigorous coursework, college dual enrollment and articulation agreements, and real-world experiences, students completing programs at the Eastern Long Island Academy of Applied Technology step into the world ready for college and careers. Secondary Career and Technical Programs also include:

- In-District CTE/Academy Programs
- Special Career Education
- CDOS/Transition Services
- Pre-employment Transition Services

Additional services:

- Adult Literacy Programs
- Adult Health and Vocational Programs
- Alternatives to Incarceration
- Incarcerated Education
- Workforce Development
- Supported Employment, Adaptive Driving and an Array of Services for Adults with Disabilities
- Regional Summer School

Department of Human Resources

Eastern Suffolk BOCES Department of Human Resources advances the region’s pursuit of excellence by fostering expertise and best practices in the development of school districts’ most valuable resources – high-performing staff and quality programs. Services and support available to school districts include:

- Compliance Training
- CCE Service Supervisory Training
- Regional Monthly Informational Meetings for School HR Professionals
- Shared District-Based HR Administrator CoSer
- Recruitment CoSer
- Regional Human Resources Office
- Employee Succession Program

Administrative Services

Shared Administrative Services are intended to promote cost effectiveness in school district management and allow local school districts to utilize their limited resources for instructional purposes. Examples of these services are: Cooperative Bidding, Non-Public School Textbook Distribution, Regional Occupational Safety and Health, Regional Transportation, Shared Business Office Services, Food Services Management, Sale of Surplus Equipment Services, Public Relations, and Substitute Services/Absence Management.

Educational Support Services

This department offers educational support services designed to enhance instruction and support the data analysis and technology integration needs of school districts with the goal of improving student outcomes. Support services include: Arts-in-Education/Exploratory Enrichment, In-district Coaching/Professional Development, Cultural Competence, Curriculum Development and Alignment, Leadership Training, and Support Services. Grant Writing, Instructional Technology in the classroom, NYS Standards and Assessments, Regional and Full Service Scoring, School Library System Support, Strategic Planning, Student Enrichment Programs, School Data Bank Services, and Third Party Assessment Service.

Statistics

Career Education Enrollment ........................................ 1,822
Special Career Education Enrollment ............................ 528
Special Education Enrollment ....................................... 1,681
Adult Education Enrollment ......................................... 4,249
Component School Districts ......................................... 51
Component Enrollment ............................................... 151,332
Square Miles ............................................................. 924
Employees .................................................................. 2,070
Regional Information Center Participating Districts ........... 147
Regional Transportation Program Participating Districts ....... 49
Educational Support Services Participating Districts ........... 164
Management Services Participating Districts ..................... 95
Statistics above are based on the 2019-20 school year as of 6/30/20

Middle States Accreditation

In 2000, Eastern Suffolk BOCES became the first intermediate educational agency to be accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. We have been reaccredited twice since then. The accreditation represents our organization’s commitment to Strategic Planning and provision of services that meet rigorous external standards. We are proud of this accomplishment and are willing to help other organizations grow and improve through this accreditation process. Please feel free to contact Eastern Suffolk BOCES for further information.

We believe that continuous evaluation, high standards, innovation, and effective communication are the foundation of organizational success.