

HARDY COUNTY SCHOOLS**Multicultural Education**

It shall be the policy of the Hardy County Board of Education to facilitate a change to the total school environment so that it promotes a respect for a wide range of cultural groups and enables all cultural groups to experience equal educational opportunity.

The Board will provide an environment for staff, students and community where the following shall occur:

1. Encourage an appreciation and understanding of the diverse cultures and peoples in American society and in our state and local communities;
2. Modeling an appreciation, understanding and tolerance of diverse lifestyles in different cultures;
3. Providing opportunities for an appreciation and understanding of cultural diversity in all disciplines such as history, literature, the fine arts, and other curriculum areas;
4. Fostering an appreciation and understanding of the problems minority groups have experienced and continue to experience;
5. Developing full potential of our students and staff as human beings; and
6. Determining the cultural needs of Hardy County to meet those needs as outlined by WV State Board Policy 5500.

The Board will provide through library/media resources, instructional materials, textbooks, etc., where pertinent, materials concerning the history, culture and contributions of other cultural groups to the development of our country. These materials may be housed in classrooms, or in the library/media center in each school.

Every effort shall be made for the staff and students of Hardy County Schools to facilitate the tolerance of all diverse cultures, and the acceptance and appreciation of the diversity of the American society.

SOURCE: Board of Education minutes; WV State Board Policy 5500

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