



Equity & Excellence in Public Education

BOCES of NYS

The 37 Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in New York State are a unique network of resources for promoting equity and excellence in public education.

Here's Why:

- The BOCES network provides a means for sharing services among school districts thus equalizing wealth differences among them;
- The BOCES network connects the resources of the various elements of the University of the State of New York (USNY) to school districts;
- The BOCES network is capable of including municipalities and divisions of the state with school districts in the provision of cost-effective services;
- The BOCES network offers the Regents and State Education Department with a reliable and capable field network to implement policy and mandates;
- The BOCES network is a time-tested vehicle for providing information, resources, and opportunities to students, schools and communities;
- The BOCES network operates within a well-defined structure of accountability for effectiveness and efficiency.

Did You Know?

- BOCES Regional Information Centers support more than a million users in New York State (NYS).
- BOCES Regional Information Centers support more than 500,000 connected devices in school districts across the state.
- Annually, nearly 60,000 students participate in BOCES career, special education or alternative educational programs.
- 4,061 students received Regents high school diplomas with endorsements for completion of BOCES career and technical programs.
- 92% of students who completed a career and technical education program received a high school diploma.
- More than 835 career and technical education programs have been approved by the NYS Education Department under the Regents policy.
- Nearly \$2.5 billion of services are purchased annually by school districts across NYS.
- BOCES teaches more than 38,977 students annually in literacy programs, which includes adult basic education, GED preparation, and English as a second language.
- BOCES services subsidize the cost of education improvements and mandates required by the Regents/SED and USDOE.

* Sources:

2007-08 BOCES 602 Report; Annual Report to the State Education Department on Adult Literacy 2006-07; Career and Technical Education Database; CTE Program Approval Files

