PREAMBLE

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PURPOSE OF POLICY

To identify the authority by which the college operates and its service area.

Local Language

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It is the intent of the Board that the College shall focus its services principally upon those persons who are from the two counties of Okaloosa and Walton -- the cooperating counties which comprise the Northwest Florida State College district who are high school graduates or legally out of the public school systems; or eligible for dual or concurrent enrollment at the college; and, (2) who are reliant upon the College for higher education, for technical and semi-professional collegiate studies, and for those vocational and technical education.

The Board shall have primary responsibility for determining which programs and services are needed to serve the educational needs of the District and for determining the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs and services in meeting those needs.

Liaison with the State Board of Education on matters relative to Northwest Florida State College shall be through the State Department of Education via the Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Education.

The Board of Trustees and the President of the College shall work cooperatively with the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the cooperating counties, Okaloosa and Walton, to correlate the operations of the College with those of the county school systems. Relationships of the College with the County School Systems shall be coordinated through the President of the College and the respective Superintendents.

The President is authorized, per FS 1001.02(4)(a), to approve such enrollments of pupils from grades 10-12 in the public school districts as may be feasible on a space available and eligibility basis upon request from the respective Superintendents of the Okaloosa and Walton public school systems.