

TITLE 126  
LEGISLATIVE RULE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

SERIES 20  
METRIC SYSTEM INSTRUCTION  
IN THE WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (2422.12)

**§126-20-1. General.**

1.1. Scope - This legislative rule requires all schools subject to the rules and regulations of the West Virginia Board of Education to provide instruction in the International Metric System of Measurement.

1.2. Authority - W. Va. Code 18-2-5

1.3. Filing Date - December 27, 1982

1.4. Effective Date - December 27, 1982

**§126-20-2. Rationale.**

2.1. The metric measurement standards recognized and developed by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures have been adopted as the fundamental measurement standards of the United States of America.

2.2. The customary units of weights and measures used in the United States have been based upon metric measurement standards since 1893.

2.3. Ninety percent of the world's population and more than eighty percent of the world production and trade are currently using the metric system of measurement.

2.4. Adoption of the International System of Units (SI) in mathematics and science will substantially increase communication within and between all disciplines.

2.5. The House of Representatives (the Senate concurring) resolve that it is the sense of the Congress

that the President of the United States should take the appropriate steps, with the counsel of the Nation's leading educators and scientists, to effect the adoption of the metric system of weights and measures as the Nation's official system of measurement in all appropriate fields of endeavor, and direct that all departments and agencies of the United States (particularly those having functions related to education or schools) foster and promote the understanding and use of such system by all the people of the United States.

2.6. The National Education Association has resolved that teachers of all grades should teach the metric system to assure, as a national goal, the orderly transition to the use of the metric system as a primary system by 1980.

2.7. The National Conference of Weights and Measures has resolved that all State Departments of Education follow the recommendations of the National Educational Association and the action taken by other states in initiating a program of instruction in the metric system.

**§126-20-3. Teaching of Metric System of Measurement.**

3.1. Therefore be it resolved that, commencing with the 1976-77 school year and thereafter, all schools under the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education shall provide instruction in the International Metric System of Measurement. Such instruction may be in addition to present instruction concerning the system of weights and measures in the public schools on the effective date of this resolution. -1/11/80