

NJSCNAACP Policy for school districts for The Amistad Law

Amistad Bill (A1301) became law in 2002. Under this law, New Jersey Schools are to incorporate African American History as part of their social studies curriculum. This legislation was sponsored by Assemblymen William D. Payne and Craig A. Stanley. The Hoboken Public School District recognizes the essential part African Americans have played and continue to play in history.

Implementation of the Amistad Law Policy/Plan

The Hoboken Public School District will implement the Amistad Law by undertaking the following steps:

- 1) Implement the history of Africans and African-Americans into the social studies curriculum to provide a true, thorough and inclusive history by:
- Utilizing and implementing the interactive web based curriculum of the NJ Amistad Commission
- Utilizing and implementing the Amistad Commission's Literary Components for Primary Grades
- 2) Ensuring that our district teachers are equipped to successfully teach the revised social studies core curriculum content standards by:
- Providing the financial and technological resources necessary to implement the Amistad Law
- Providing Training and professional development through workshops, seminars, and institutes organized by the New Jersey Amistad Commission and other suitable resources.
- 3) Our district will create awareness regarding the relevance of the history of African-Americans in the development of America and society by:
 - Hosting events to raise public awareness, such as workshops, seminars
 - Distributing and/or posting information for parental and community development regarding the Amistad Law and the Amistad Commission.