§ 638.504 Occupational exploration program.

An occupational exploration program shall be provided by all centers in accordance with procedures issued by the Job Corps Director.

§ 638.505 Scheduling of training.

The amount of time for each student's education and vocational training shall be apportioned to the individual needs of each student pursuant to procedures developed by the Job Corps Director.

§ 638.506 Purchase of vocational supplies and equipment.

The Job Corps Director shall develop procedures for the low-cost sale to students of vocational tools, clothing, and other equipment that are prerequisites to employment.

§ 638.507 Work experience.

(a) The center operator shall emphasize and implement programs of work experience for students through center program activities or through arrangement with employers. Work experience shall be under actual working conditions and should enhance the employability, responsibility, and confidence of the students.

(b) The following limitations shall be observed in establishing work experience programs:

(1) Students shall only be assigned to work meeting the safety standards of § 638.803 of this part.

(2) Any work experience arranged for employment not covered by a Federal, State, or local minimum wage law shall have prior regional office approval.

(3) When work experience with pay is arranged, the student, for applicable wage provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Service Contract Act, and other applicable minimum wage laws, shall be considered a joint employee of the Job Corps and the work experience employer.

(i) The wages paid by Job Corps (including the reasonable cost to Job Corps of room, board, and other facilities, as well as clothing and living allowances) shall be no less than the federal minimum wage rate set forth in section (6)(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) for up to 25 hours a week. The work experience employer shall pay the student, in cash, any wages above the FLSA minimum whenever such additional amounts are required by the Davis-Bacon Act, the Service Contract Act, the State or local minimum wage law, or other applicable minimum wage law. For any time in excess of 25 hours per week, the work experience employer shall pay the student, in cash, no less than the entire wage at the wage rate required by applicable law.

(ii) In addition to the cash wages required to be paid by work experience employers by paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this section, work experience employers, after the first six weeks of work by a student, shall also pay additional cash wages to the student at an hourly rate of 25 percent of the wage set forth in section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

§ 638.508 Sale of services or objects.

The services rendered or objects produced at the center may be sold at cost to students or center employees, but shall not be sold in the community unless such services or products do not displace workers in the local community or result in the sale of products which compete with local merchants.

§ 638.509 Leisure-time employment.

A center operator may authorize gainful leisure time employment of students as long as such employment does not interfere with required scheduled activities.

§ 638.510 Health care and services.

The center operator shall provide a health program, including basic medical, dental, and mental health services, for all students from admission until termination from the Job Corps. The program shall be developed in accordance with procedures issued by the Job Corps Director.

§ 638.511 Drug use and abuse.

The Job Corps Director shall develop procedures to ensure that each center