

School policies are statements setting forth the goals of the Board of Education, along with specific rules and regulations pertaining to the district, its employees, students, and patrons. School policies serve as guidelines for the successful and efficient functioning of the school system. They create a framework within which the administrative staff can successfully discharge its responsibilities in organizing and carrying out a sound educational program.

Policies may be cooperatively developed by the Board of Education working with the administration, students, teachers, and parents, but the final authority rests solely with the board. The execution of school policy is the responsibility of the superintendent and administrative staff.

A board policy may be added or an existing policy may be amended or deleted at any board meeting by the approval of a majority of members present, provided such action is properly included on the agenda of that meeting.

In certain circumstances, the operation of any section or sections of board policies not established and required by law or vested by contract may be temporarily or permanently suspended by a majority vote of the board members present at a regular, special, or emergency meeting.

In cases where action must be taken in the absence of specific guidelines established by board policy, the superintendent will have the authority to act. In such cases, the superintendent will use his/her best judgment based on what the superintendent reasonably believes the policy would be if it existed. Such emergency policy decisions will be reported to the board president as soon as practical and to the Board of Education at its next meeting. The board will then determine whether a permanent policy should be established.

Approved: October 6, 2010

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Board Clerk

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Board President