

POLICY DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM AND POLICY ADOPTION

Policies are formally adopted principles by the RSU Board to chart a course of action. Policies will describe what the Board wants done and why in simple declarative language. Policies should be broad enough to indicate a line of action to be followed by the administration to operate the educational system successfully; narrow enough to give clear guidance. Policies are guides for action by the administration, who then sets rules and regulation to provide specific directions to school personnel.

Proposals for new policies must be in writing and can originate from staff, administrators, board members, students, employees, or residents of the district. Proposals for new policies will be accompanied by a clear presentation of the facts involved and a rationale supporting the need for the new or altered policy.

All proposed policies will be forwarded to the Policy Committee for review and study before the policy is presented to the RSU Board. Recommended new policies will be presented to the Board in written form accompanied by both majority and minority recommendations. All new policies must be presented at least twice for School Board consideration before implementation is possible; special board meetings can be scheduled in case of emergencies.

All new policies may be reviewed by Maine School Management Association and/or the school attorney for legal guidelines between the first and second readings of the policy.

Significant changes to existing policy will be treated as a new policy.

The superintendent's office will be responsible for maintaining all policy manuals and directing the addition of all new policies to the existing copies. An updated copy of the policy manual will be available at the superintendent's office and on the RSU website [www.kidsrsu.org] and at each school in the region and each board member will be supplied a copy.

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