

Policy Number:

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Policy Adoption

The School Board shall provide leadership for student achievement and focus its attention on its policymaking responsibilities. The district's vision, mission, beliefs, and guiding principles shall be kept at the forefront of all District decision making.

All proposals for new policies, or amendments to existing policies, shall be submitted in writing to the Board. The review, adoption and revision of policies shall take place at properly-noticed meetings. Unless otherwise specified in connection with a vote to approve changes to Board policy, changes to Board policy shall be assumed to take effect immediately.

New policies and policy revisions require two readings and a vote by the Board for adoption. At the first meeting at which a new or revised policy is presented to the Board, the Board may take one of the following actions:

- Give the proposed policy first-reading approval and the policy will then be presented to the Board for a second reading at the following meeting.
- Give the proposed policy first-reading approval, but send it back to the District Administrator for minor changes. The revised policy will then be presented to the Board for a second reading at the following meeting.
- Return the policy to the District Administrator for substantive changes without first-reading approval. The revised policy will then be presented for a first reading at a subsequent Board meeting.
- Determine by a vote against the granting of first-reading approval (or by the failure of any motion to be made on the proposal) that the proposed new policy or policy revision shall receive no further consideration.

A policy that receives first-reading approval will be presented at a subsequent Board meeting for a second reading and adoption vote. Generally, the second reading is part of the core agenda, where the proposed policy will be voted upon with discussion. The Board may amend a proposed policy in connection with the second reading, and may either adopt the policy as amended at that meeting or defer any adoption vote until a subsequent meeting. Upon adoption in connection with a second reading, the policy is included in the District policy manual.

Unique circumstances might occur which require the expedited adoption and implementation of a policy. In such circumstances the Board may set aside and waive any specific requirements of this policy by majority vote, and the Board may then adopt a new or revised policy that has been presented for such expedited consideration.

The District Administrator shall systematically review and make recommendations to the Board regarding changes and additions to District policy. In addition to making changes to individual

policies as they are needed, the District Administrator shall review each policy manual section in its entirety every three years.

LEGAL REF: Wisconsin Statutes Section 120.13

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