

Policy Adoption

Policies or major actions will be adopted and/or amended only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the School Committee when such action has been scheduled on the agenda of a regular or special meeting.

To permit time for study of all new policies or major actions or amendments to policies and to provide an opportunity for interested parties to react, proposed policies or major actions or amendments will be presented as agenda items to the School Committee in the following sequence:

1. Information item - this may be an announcement that a policy or major action is being developed in a particular area and that interested persons may submit suggestions.
2. Discussion item - first reading of proposed policy or policies or major actions; recommendation from the Superintendent; report from any School Committee advisory committee assigned responsibility in the area; School Committee discussion and directions for any redrafting.
3. Action item - discussion, adoption/rejection.

Amendments to the policy or major action at the action stage will not require repetition of the sequence, unless the School Committee so directs.

In instances, the School Committee may dispense with the above sequence to meet emergency conditions.

Policies or major actions will be effective upon the date set by the School Committee. The date will ensure that affected persons have an opportunity to become familiar with the requirements of the new policy or major action prior to its implementation.

A major action is an action being considered by the School Committee that in the opinion of the majority of the Committee will have a significant impact on a large or a specialized population represented by the School Committee.

Legal Ref:

[General Laws of Rhode Island, 16-2-9\(2\)](#)
[Barrington Town Charter, 9-2-7](#)

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