

## Watertown School District 14-4

### **LINE AND STAFF RELATIONS**

All personnel employed by the Board will be responsible to the Board through the Superintendent. The Board expects that the Superintendent will establish clear understandings on the part of all personnel of the working relationships in the School District.

Personnel will be expected to refer matters requiring administrative action to the administrator to whom they are responsible. The administrator will refer such matters to the next higher administrative authority when necessary. Additionally, all personnel are expected to keep the person to whom they are immediately responsible informed of their activities by whatever means the person in charge deems appropriate.

It is expected that the established lines of authority will serve most purposes. However, there may be circumstances where it is necessary for an employee to communicate directly with another administrator if necessary. All personnel will have the right to appeal any decisions made by an administrative officer in accordance with the approved grievance procedures.

Additionally, lines of responsibility and authority do not restrict in any way the cooperative, sensible working together of all people on all professional levels in order to develop the best possible school program. The established lines of authority represent direction of authority and responsibility in the implementation of policy; when the staff is working together to improve the District's programs and operations, the lines represent avenues for a two-way flow of ideas.

#### Policy

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