

Formulation of Policies

The Board, representing District 101, is the legislative body that determines all questions of general policy to be employed in the conduct of the public schools.

The Board governs using written policies. Written policies ensure legal compliance, establish Board processes, articulate District ends, delegate authority, and define operating limits. Board policies also provide the basis for monitoring progress toward District ends. Anyone may propose new policies, changes to existing policies, or elimination of existing policies. Staff suggestions should be processed through the Superintendent. Suggestions from all others should be made to the Board President or the Superintendent. A Board Policy Committee will consider all policy suggestions, and provide information and recommendations to the Board.

The Superintendent is responsible for:

1. providing relevant policy information and data to the Board,
2. notifying those who will implement or be affected by or required to implement a proposed policy and obtaining their advice and suggestions,
3. having policy recommendations drafted into written form for Board deliberation.

The Superintendent shall seek the counsel of the Board attorney when appropriate. The Superintendent bases his or her recommendation upon the outcome of study and research and upon the judgment of the professional staff and study committees.

Action on such proposals is taken finally by the Board in accord with its policies and bylaws.

Policy Adoption and Dissemination

Policy proposals and suggested amendments to, or revision of, existing policies shall be submitted in writing to all members of the Board and to the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting in which such proposed policies, amendments, or revisions are to be discussed.

Existing policies which remain unchanged after review will be so labeled and dated. New policies or existing policies that are changed must be presented for adoption at the next meeting of the Board. Policies or policy revisions will not be adopted at the Board meeting at which they are first introduced, except when: (1) appropriate for a consent agenda because no Board discussion is required, or (2) necessary or prudent in order to meet emergency or special conditions or to be legally compliant. Further Board consideration will be given at a subsequent meeting(s) and after opportunity for community input. The adoption of a policy will serve to supersede all previously adopted policies on

the same topic. The Board policies are available for public inspection on the District's website.

Board Policy Review and Monitoring

The Board of Education shall conduct an ongoing study and reevaluation of the Policy Book. The goal will be to review the entire book periodically; beginning the process again each time the task is complete.

This review shall be for the purpose of:

1. The Board keeping its policies up-to-date and concurrent with local practices and legislation.
2. Educating Board members regarding the policies of District 101. It is the Policy Committee's task to lead such review.

Cancellation and Suspension

Policies and bylaws of the Board shall be subject to suspension or cancellation, except those provisions that are controlled by law or contract, only upon a majority vote of the members present at any meeting. The Board reserves unto itself all of its legal responsibilities for the operation of the schools, including the right to accept or reject any and all recommendations, and the right to revise its policies from time to time to meet changing conditions.

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