

SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY DEVELOPMENT

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The School Committee will develop policies and put them in writing so that they may serve as guides for the discretionary action of those to whom it delegates authority.

The formulation and adoption of these written policies will constitute the basic method by which the School Committee will exercise its leadership in providing for the successful and efficient functioning of the school system. Through the study and evaluation of reports concerning the execution of its policies, the School Committee will exercise its control over school operation.

The School Committee accepts the definition of policy set forth by the National School Boards Association:

Policies are principles adopted by a School Committee to chart a course of action. They tell what is wanted; they may include why and how much. Policies should be broad enough to indicate a line of action to be followed by the administration in meeting day-to-day problems, yet be specific enough to give clear guidance.

The policies of the School Committee are framed, and are meant to be interpreted in terms of state law, regulations of the Massachusetts Board of Education, and other regulatory agencies of the various levels of government.

School Committee Policies will be formulated by the Policy Sub Committee with direction and input from the full School Committee, at the request of the superintendent, or as required by state law or regulations.

Adoption of new policies, or the modification of existing policies shall be the sole responsibility of the full School Committee. Policies will be adopted by affirmative vote of a majority of the School Committee when such action has been scheduled on the agenda of a regular or special meeting. Except under emergency conditions, proposed policies will be presented in two meetings, the first, which is for information, discussion and redrafting purposes. The second, for discussion adoption or rejection.

The Superintendent may use any reasonable interpretation of these policies to perform duties.

Sources:

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