

Administration

Policy and Regulation Systems

Policy Manual

The Superintendent shall establish and maintain an orderly plan for preserving and making accessible policies and bylaws adopted by the Board, and the regulations of the administration. Board policies, Board bylaws, and administrative regulations shall be published in a manual, maintained in current condition, and made available to all persons concerned.

Policies

Policies are statements of intent adopted by the Board of Education. They serve as guides to the administration in the development and implementation of regulations for operating the district.

The Superintendent is an integral part of this policy-making process recommending to the Board areas requiring policy adoption or change. The Superintendent shall develop a regulation specifying how policies will be developed and presented to the Board.

Regulations

Consistent with policy, the Superintendent shall specify required staff actions, and design the administrative arrangements under which the schools are to be operated. Those regulations and procedures which apply throughout the district shall be designated as "regulations," and placed in the district policy manual. Regulations shall be presented to the Board but the Board will not adopt regulations unless requested to do so by the Superintendent or unless required by federal or state law. The Superintendent is responsible for development and implementation of district regulations. He/she shall develop a system involving staff members in development and implementation of regulations. Regulations should be complete, consistent with adopted Board policy, and capable of reasonable implementation.

Bylaws

Bylaws are the rules governing internal operations of the Board of Education. When need for a new bylaw, or modification of an existing bylaw is recognized, the Board will consider an effective new or modified bylaw for adoption. The same procedure used for development of policies shall be used for development of bylaws.

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Functions and Composition of Committees and Channels

1. Board of Education

The Board of Education is responsible for the development of policy and, according to law, must adopt policy (cf. 9311). It receives recommended drafts from the Superintendent, individual Board members and/or the policy committee. The Board may accept and adopt drafts, return them to the policy committee or Superintendent with requests for specific changes, or reject them outright. The Board may originate a request for a needed policy through the policy committee and/or Superintendent.

2. Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent of Schools transmits recommended policy drafts to the Board with request for action. The Superintendent receives drafts from the Chairperson of the appropriate committee, and may accept drafts, or refer them back with requests for specific changes. The Superintendent must act within thirty (30) days and notify the committee of his/her action. The Superintendent approves rules and regulations (cf. 9313). The Superintendent may receive and approve drafts, return them to the submitting committee with request for specific changes, or reject them outright.

3. Committees

Each area of policies shall have a committee of Board of Education members and others if desirable to receive recommendations for new or modified policies or rules and regulations.

The committee will also recommend its own policy changes. The committee shall review once each year all the policies in the particular area for improvements. At least one administrator shall meet with the committee as well as the person who shall write drafts as requested.

Distributing Revised Pages to Manual Holders

Whenever the Board adopts, revises or deletes policies or bylaws, and whenever the administration approves, revises or deletes regulations, all holders of policy, bylaw and regulations manuals must be notified.

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Distributing Revised Pages to Manual Holders (continued)

The notification task is a responsibility of the Superintendent or designee, and the Superintendent or designee is assigned to care for the manuals and to see that they are all kept current.

Copies of new or revised policies, bylaws and regulations should be prepared and distributed to all manual holders with the aid of a form furnished by the Central Office. Actual copies of the new material will be attached to the form prior to its being distributed.

The Superintendent is responsible for the care of the manuals, and shall keep a master file of the distributed materials, and check all manuals at least annually for currency.