

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY DEVELOPMENT

It is the intent of the Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. School Committee to develop policies and put them in writing so that they may serve as guidelines and goals for the successful and efficient functioning of our public schools.

The School Committee considers policy development its chief function, along with providing the wherewithal such as personnel, buildings, materials, and equipment for the successful administration, application, and execution of its policies.

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

Policies are principles adopted by the 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.

It is the School Committee's intention that its policies serve as sources of information and guidance for all people who are interested in, or connected with, the public schools.

The policies of the School Committee are framed, and are meant to be interpreted, in terms of Maine laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and all other regulatory agencies within our local, county, state, and federal levels of government. The policies are also framed, and are meant to be interpreted, in terms of those educational objectives, procedures, and practices which are broadly accepted by leaders and authorities in the public education field.

Changes in needs, conditions, purposes, and objectives will require revisions, deletions, and additions to the policies of present and future school committees. The School Committee will welcome suggestions for ongoing policy development.

The School Committee, representing the people of the district, is the legislative body which determines all questions of general policy to be employed in the conduct of the public schools.

Action on such proposals, whatever their source, is taken finally by the School Committee after receiving the recommendation of the Superintendent. The Superintendent bases his/her recommendations upon the outcomes of study and upon the judgment of the professional staff and appropriate study committee.

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