

POLICY ADOPTION

Except for policy actions to be taken on emergency measures, the adoption of School Committee policies should follow this sequence which will take place at least at two regular or special meetings of the School Committee:

1. Announcement and publication of proposed new or revised policies as an item of new business.
2. Opportunity offered to concerned groups or individuals to react to policy proposals.
3. Discussion and final action by the School Committee on policy proposals.

The final vote to adopt or not to adopt should follow by at least the next meeting from the meeting at which policy proposals are first placed on the agenda.

1. Prior to enactment, all policy proposals shall be titled and coded as appropriate to subject and in conformance with the codification system used in the School Committee policy manual.
2. Insofar as possible, each policy statement shall be limited to one subject.
3. Policies and amendments adopted by the School Committee shall be included in the policy manual of the District.
4. Policies and amendments to policies shall be effective immediately upon adoption unless a specific effective date is provided in the adopted resolution.

Emergency Procedure

On matters of unusual urgency, the School Committee may waive the next meeting limitation and take immediate action to adopt new or revise existing policies. When such immediate action is necessary, the Superintendent shall inform concerned groups or individuals about the reasons for this necessity.

Annual Reaffirmation of Policies

The School Committee's set of written policies shall be re-adopted at each annual organizational meeting, subject to the understanding that all policies not established by law and/or contractual arrangements may be changed through School Committee action as described above.

Law, Philosophy, and Enforcement

The School Committee will make every effort to ensure that its policies conform to the higher supremacy of state and federal laws, including the provisions of State and U.S. Constitutions. Questions concerning the legality of any policy should be addressed to the office of the Superintendent. Further, while it is not feasible to reiterate the principles of the School Committee-adopted Educational Philosophy into the language of each and every policy statement, it is to be assumed that the spirit of this document will prevail in the implementation of all policies. Finally, the School Committee expects compliance with its formally-adopted policies. Failure to comply will be considered cause for disciplinary action.

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