

## **SCHOOL BOARD POLICY PROCESS**

Other than policies mandated by state statute, the Board of Education shall determine the policies to serve as a basis for the administration of the District. The formulation, development, adoption and revision of written policies is a Board function, and adopted policies are among the Board's governing documents.

The District's policies reflect and shall be consistent with the philosophy, goals and objectives of the District. In the event of a discrepancy between written materials in the District, Board policy will take precedence.

Any Board regulation will reflect the intent of its corresponding Board policy. Any violation of a regulation is a violation of its corresponding Board policy.

### ***Policy Proposals***

Proposals for new policies or revisions of current policies may be initiated by anyone interested in or connected with the District and must be presented in writing to the Superintendent. The Superintendent and administration will review the proposal and make appropriate recommendations to the Board. In addition, the District may utilize an outside entity that provides sample policies, service and support.

### ***Policy Adoption***

The Board will appoint a subcommittee of Board members and staff to review policies and make recommendations to the full Board. Policies will be adopted, revised, or rescinded only upon a majority vote of the members of the Board present at a legally constituted meeting. The proposed policy action will be included on the agenda and described in writing.

The Board action on policies will be recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting. Only those policies so adopted or revised and so recorded will be regarded as official policies of the Board. Policies may become effective immediately upon adoption or at a specific effective date established by the Board and provided in the motion to adopt.

The Board can adopt, amend or rescind a policy after any number of readings, however, if the Board determines that an emergency exists, the Board may adopt, amend or rescind a policy immediately. The fact that such policy change is adopted as an emergency measure shall be stated in the minutes.

### ***Suspension of Policies***

Policies of the Board may only be suspended at an official meeting of the Board by one of the following procedures:

1. A majority vote of all Board members present when the proposed suspension has been described in writing
2. A unanimous vote of all Board members present when the proposed suspension has not been described in writing

All Board members must have been notified before the meeting that a vote on suspending a policy will be held.

### ***Administration in Policy Absence***

The Superintendent shall have the power to implement action within the District if an emergency situation should develop for which the Board has provided no policy guidelines. However, the Superintendent's decision shall be subject to review by the

Board at its next meeting. It is the Superintendent's duty to inform the Board of any such action and of the need for an official policy statement.

### ***Policy Review***

The Board will review its policies on a continual basis in an effort to ensure that policies they are current and in compliance with the most recent federal and state regulations, statutes and court decisions.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for the administration of the policies adopted by the Board of Education and is responsible for calling the Board's attention to all policies that are out of date or appear to need revision. The Superintendent may designate a specific employee or contract with an outside entity for assistance with updating policies and maintaining an online version of the policy manual, as required by law. For the purpose of this policy, the term "manual" refers to the District's collected policies, whether in print or electronic formats.

If the District maintains multiple copies of paper manuals, the Superintendent or designee shall make every effort to ensure that each copy of the policy manual or any excerpt therefrom is identical. Only the copy designated "official copy" and kept at all times in the office of the Superintendent shall be recognized as authoritative. The Superintendent will have a procedure in place to ensure this.

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Cross Refs.: CH, Policy Implementation and Dissemination  
GBB, Staff Involvement in Decision Making  
KC, Community Involvement in Decision Making

Legal Refs: § 171.011 RSMo.  
<http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/17100000111.HTML>