

Section: B School Board Operations

Policy Code: BDC Board Policy Adoption

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~~The adoption of new policies or changing existing policies is solely the responsibility of the Board of Education.~~

~~To provide sufficient time for further study and to give interested parties an opportunity to react to proposed policies, policies introduced and recommended to the Board of Education shall not be adopted until a subsequent meeting which shall be no less than thirty (30) calendar days after submission.~~

~~The Board may temporarily approve a policy to meet emergency conditions or special events which will take place before formal action can be taken. However, discussion and final vote must be taken before the policy shall be formally adopted.~~

~~All Board action related to policy recommendation or adoption must take place in official meetings. Only written statements adopted and recorded in the minutes of the Board shall be regarded as Board Policy. All policies shall be included in the policy manual within thirty (30) days.~~

DEFINITION

Policy is a clear statement that sets forth the purpose and prescribes, in general terms, the organization and programs of this school district. The board policy of this school district shall be considered a framework within which the Superintendent and the school staff are expected to discharge their assigned duties through course of action.

ADOPTION OF POLICY

Recommended policies can originate with the board, an individual board member or the superintendent. The following shall be the policy of this school board in adopting policy:

1. The policy issue shall be placed on the school board agenda in advance of the school board meeting.
2. Support material regarding the rationale for the policy shall be included in the board members' packet material so that board members, the school board attorney and the superintendent will have advance opportunity to review facts and reasons relating to the policy.
3. After the board, through majority vote, has agreed on the general contents of the policy, the superintendent (with assistance from the school board attorney and /or other legal

counsel) shall draft a copy of such policy for consideration at a subsequent board meeting.

4. The board shall review the draft copy of the policy at the subsequent board meeting and if approved through majority vote, shall direct the superintendent to disseminate the draft policy throughout all school campuses for staff comments and to resubmit the policy to the board—along with any comments and / or recommended changes—at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.
5. The board shall consider adoption of the policy at its next regular monthly board meeting. If such policy meets with the approval of the board as indicated by majority vote, the policy shall be considered approved. The policy shall then be recorded in the minutes and entered into the policy manual of this school district.

Nothing in this process shall prevent this school board from re-submitting a policy to the staff for comments multiple times before adoption. Nothing in this process shall prevent this school board from submitting a policy to the general community for comments before adoption.

Exhibits:

Regulations:

References:

MPSAS - [Public School Accountability Standards](#)