

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

According to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 37, the School Committee “shall establish educational goals and policies for the schools in the district. The policies will be consistent with the requirements of law and statewide goals and standards established by the Board of Education.”

Policies and/or revisions may be proposed by any member of the Committee, any member of the public, or any member of the staff. The Policy Subcommittee will consider requests to add new policies or review and revise existing policies. All policies shall be in the form of general principles and statements of intent. The Superintendent is responsible for developing procedures to ensure implementation of all School Committee policies.

After review by the Policy Subcommittee, the School Committee shall have at least two readings of any proposed policy or revision to allow for input from all interested parties. A vote shall not be taken before the second reading. Notwithstanding the forgoing, when immediate action is necessary, the School Committee may hold a vote to approve a proposed policy or revision after the first read.

The Committee shall periodically review policies to ensure that they remain harmonious with the goals of the District and comply with all applicable laws and regulations. The Policy Subcommittee may correct errors in punctuation, spelling and typographical errors with notice to the Committee but without the requirement of a second read or a vote.

The District will post all policies on its website.

CROSS REFS: BGF, Suspension of Policies  
CH, Policy Implementation

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