

BOARD POLICY DEVELOPMENT

It is the intent to the School Board 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 Board 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 Board accepts the definition of policy set forth by the National School Boards Association:

Policies are principles adopted by the School Board 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 a number of problems; narrow enough to give clear guidance. Policies are guides for action by the administration, who then set the rules and regulations to provide specific directions to school district personnel.

It is the Board'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 Board are framed, and are meant to be interpreted, in terms of New Hampshire laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and all other regulatory agencies with in 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 boards. The Board will welcome suggestions for ongoing policy development.

The Board, 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 proposed policies, whatever their source, is taken finally by the Board after receiving the recommendation of the Superintendent. The Superintendent bases his recommendations upon the outcomes of study and upon the judgment of the professional staff and appropriate study committees.

LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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