

**BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Policy**

Development

The Barnstead School Board considers policy development its chief function, along with providing resources 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 sets the rules and regulations to provide specific directions to school district personnel.”

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 within 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.

There may be occasion to rewrite the policies due to the changes that pertain to the operation of the school and school district.

Adoption

Except for policy actions to be taken on emergency measures, the adoption of Board policies should follow this sequence which will take place at a regular or special meeting of the Board:

1. Announcement and publication of proposed new or revised policies as an Action Item on the district’s agenda.
2. Opportunity offered to concerned groups or individuals to react to the policy proposals, when appropriate.
3. Discussion and final action by the Board on policy proposals indicating either reading, reconsideration or adoption.

4. 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 Board policy manual.
5. In so far as possible, each policy statement shall be limited to one subject.
6. Policies and amendments adopted by the Board shall be attached to and made a part of the Minutes of the meeting at which they are adopted.
7. 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 Board may waive the two-week limitation and take immediate action to adopt new or revised 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 Board'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 Board action as described above.

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