

School Board Policies

TOPICS

The Board shall file in the Board's office its policies including, but not limited to, the following matters:

1. Transportation of pupils;
2. Discipline and conduct of pupils;
3. Limitations or restrictions on use of school facilities;
4. Conduct of meeting of the Board; including policies on the calling of executive sessions;
5. Personnel policies that apply to certified employees, including duties, fringe benefits, salary schedules, non-classroom duties, professional development, teacher-student ratio, hiring, assignment, transfer, dismissal, suspension, reinstatement, promotion and demotion;
6. Employment and evaluation of the Superintendent of schools;
7. Identification and statement of District goals and objectives and establishment of criteria to determine District progress;
8. Evaluation of certified employees;
9. Selection of textbooks and instructional materials;
10. Expenditure and accounting for school funds, including all special funds; and
11. Policies dealing with school-based decision making.¹

Only those policy statements adopted by the Board and recorded in minutes of its meetings shall be regarded as official Board policy.

INTENTION

It is intended that these policies shall cover matters within the authority and discretion of the Board and not matters otherwise required by law or regulation.¹

UPDATING

Such policies shall be kept up-to-date by filing annual amendments thereto by August 15 and shall be public records.¹

ENACTMENT OF POLICY

Except when indicated by an emergency situation, the Board will not enact or revise policy in the same meeting that it is initially introduced. Additional readings shall not be required if the Board amends the policy proposal under consideration at either the first or second reading.

AMENDMENTS TO POLICY

The Superintendent shall be responsible for preparing the proposed new policy statements or modification or repeal of an existing policy for Board action. ~~Written notice of a proposed new policy or modification or repeal of an existing policy shall be provided to Board members and interested parties at least two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting at which the proposal is submitted for Board action.~~

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The Superintendent shall develop and implement a system whereby each employee or student shall have access to Board policies. In addition, each new Board member shall be provided with a copy of the Board policy manual and/or access to the District's online manual.

All Board policies shall be reasonably accessible to all district personnel and to the public at large.

MAINTENANCE OF POLICY MANUALS

All copies of the official policy manual shall be numbered, housed in specified locations, and kept current through a system developed and implemented by the Superintendent.

POLICIES ARE BINDING

All policies of the Board are binding on employees of the District, schools, students, other parties dealing with the Board and on the Board itself.² Employees and students who fail to comply with Board policies may be subject to disciplinary action.

Exception: Policy exemptions may apply to a participating school of innovation as specified in the District's application for district of innovation status as approved by the Kentucky Board of Education.³

Exception: In the areas specified by KRS 160.345, councils may adopt school policies that differ from Board policy.

INTERPRETATION OF POLICY

The Superintendent shall be responsible for the interpretation and application of Board policy, and shall resolve any question resulting from such actions. The Superintendent's decision or judgment shall be final unless a written appeal is made to, and sustained by, the Board.

If possible, appeals to the Board should be submitted to the Superintendent in time to be included on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting. Otherwise, the complainant may present the appeal at the meeting.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 160.340

²KRS 160.290

³KRS 156.108

KRS 160.107; KRS 160.345

RELATED POLICIES:

01.0; 01.11; 01.45; 01.6; 01.61