

BOARD POLICIES

The Governing Board recognizes that its most important function is to establish policies which communicate its direction for the operation of the schools. Policies are written statements adopted by the Board which communicate the guidelines and limits within which the Superintendent or designee and staff may take discretionary action.

(cf. 2210 - Administrative Leeway in Absence of Board Policy)

The Board encourages members of the community to contribute information and opinions for the Board's consideration and propose revisions to policy.

The adoption of policy shall conform with Board bylaws governing agenda, meetings, and voting. Only those written statements adopted and recorded in the minutes shall constitute official Board policy.

Prior to adoption, policies shall normally be given two readings by the Board.

At its second reading, the policy may be adopted by a majority vote of all members of the Board. The Board may waive the second reading or may require additional readings.

In addition to presenting new policy and policy revisions when changes in law occur or when a specific need arises, the Superintendent or designee, as policy coordinator, shall maintain procedures for the continuous orderly review of existing policies at a time allocated for this purpose on the agenda of regular Board meetings. Each policy shall be reviewed at least once every three years. Policies not amended shall be officially readopted by the Board. When policies are amended, the Superintendent or designee shall review corresponding administrative regulations to ensure that they conform to the intent of the revised policy.

When drafting or revising Board policies which affect other governmental agencies or areas of common interest, the Superintendent or designee shall seek input from these agencies and shall express the Board's desire to cooperate with them in addressing matters of mutual concern.

(cf. 9323.1 - Order of Business)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules

35163 Official actions, minutes and journal

35164 Vote requirements