

## POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The Board has jurisdiction to legislate policy for the school district with the force and effect of law. Board policy provides the general direction as to what the Board wishes to accomplish while allowing the Superintendent to implement board policy. To facilitate this process, the Board endorses the policy development, codification, maintenance, and dissemination system of the Iowa Association of School Boards.

The written policy statements provide guidelines and goals to the citizens, administration, employees, and students in the school district community. The policy statements are the basis for the formulation of regulations by the administration. The Board shall determine the effectiveness of the policy statements by evaluating periodic reports from the administration.

The primary responsibility for proposing policies rests with the Superintendent; however, policies may be proposed by any Board member, staff person, student, or resident of the District. All policy proposals shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent or designee who will initiate the policy development procedures set forth in Administrative Regulation 220.1-R (*Procedures for Policy Development*).

When, in the opinion of the Superintendent or the Board, there is a question about the legality of a policy, the District's school attorney shall be consulted.

The formal adoption of policies shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting. Only those written statements adopted by the Board and recorded in the minutes shall be considered official Board policy.

Legal Ref.: Iowa Code §§ 274.1-.2; 279.8.  
281 I.A.C. 12.3(2).

Cross Ref.: 200.3 Board Powers and Duties  
217.2 Policy Adoption

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