

DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY

Formulation of Policies

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The school committee, representing the people of the district, is the governing body, which determines all questions of general policy to be employed in the conduct of the public schools.

Adoption of new policies or amending or retiring existing policies is solely the responsibility of the school committee. Policies will be adopted, amended or retired only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the school committee when such action has been scheduled on the school committee agenda.

Proposals regarding school district policies and operations may originate at any of several sources: a parent, a student, a taxpayer, a professional employee, a member of the school committee, a clerk, the superintendent, a professional consultant, a civic group, etc. To permit time for study of all policies or amendments to policies and to provide an opportunity for interested parties to react, proposed policies or amendments will be presented as an agenda item to the committee twice in the following steps:

1. Review and approval of draft at the School Committee Policy Subcommittee meeting to bring forward to the full school committee for school committee discussion, feedback and direction for redrafting.
2. Distribution of proposed policy or policies by the School Committee's Policy Subcommittee to the full school committee for discussion. Subsequently, the proposed policy or policies are to be distributed to DCRSD community for feedback to the School Committee Policy Subcommittee
3. Action item – adoption, amendment, or retirement, or other action of the School Committee

Amendments to a policy at Step 3 Action item will not require repetition of the sequence of steps, unless the school committee so directs.

Policies will not be adopted at the meeting at which they are initially introduced. However, the school committee may dispense with the above steps to meet emergency conditions with a two-thirds vote.

Policies will be effective once acted on by the school committee, Step 3. Other effective dates may be set by the School Committee to ensure that affected persons have an opportunity to become familiar with the requirements of the new policy prior to implementation.

Adopted October 5, 1972

Amended July 8, 1987

Amended April 24, 2002

Amended January 9, 2013

Amended November 13, 2019

Amended March 9, 2022