

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 changing 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 in the following sequence:

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

Adopting new policies, amending or deleting existing policies is solely the responsibility of the school committee.

Amendments to a policy at sequence Step 4 – Second Reading will not require repetition of the sequence, unless the school committee so directs.

The school committee may dispense with the above steps to meet emergency conditions with a two-thirds vote

The school committee shall have two independent readings of any proposed policy/revision to allow for input from interested parties. A vote shall be taken following the second reading for adoption. Only under emergency conditions will a policy be adopted on the first reading.

Adopted October 5, 1972

Amended July 8, 1987

Amended April 24, 2002

Amended January 9, 2013

Amended:

First Reading: October 23, 2019

Second Reading and

Adoption: November 13, 2019

Administrative Regulations

The school committee itself shall formulate and adopt administrative regulations only when specific applicable laws require school committee adoption in light of strong community attitudes, or probable staff reaction.

The school committee shall delegate to the superintendent the function of specifying required actions and designing the detailed arrangements under which the schools will be operated.

Such rules and detailed arrangements shall constitute the administrative regulations governing the schools. They must be in every respect consistent with the policies adopted by the school committee.

In the absence of applicable policy, the superintendent is authorized to establish needed regulations subject to later confirmation in policy, should the school committee so wish.

LEGAL REFS.: MGL Ch. 71:37H

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