

SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY DEVELOPMENT

According to Chapter 71, Section 37, the School Committees “shall establish educational goals and policies for the schools in the district consistent with the requirements of law and statewide goals and standards established by the Board of Education.”

Policies and/or revisions may be proposed by any member of the Committees, any member of the public and any member of the staff. The Superintendent shall have the responsibility of recommending policies for adoption and/or revisions of existing policies. These policies shall be in the form of general principles and statements of intent. The Superintendent is responsible for developing the procedures to insure implementation.

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

The Committees shall periodically review policies to maintain their timeliness and relevance.

The Superintendent shall also recommend annually to the School Committees the goals for the School Districts. These shall be developed with input from the School Committees and members of the staff.