

**SCHOOL POLICIES
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 16**

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SERIES	200	School Board
SUBJECT	208	Development and Adoption of Policies
Adopted		December 12, 2000
Revised		May 11, 2004, March 8, 2005, June 13, 2006, April 10, 2007, November 10, 2009; June 14, 2011; March 9, 2021

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to describe the policymaking role of the School Board.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The School Board shall develop and maintain a set of written District Policies. District Policies shall define the desire and intent of the School Board and shall be in a form which clearly provides for the governance role.

III. DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY

- A. Policies and/or policy changes may be proposed by a School Board member, Superintendent, MSBA, employee, student or resident of the school district.
- B. Proposed policies or ideas shall be submitted to the Superintendent for review prior to possible placement on the School Board agenda.
- C. District Policies shall be implemented through delegated authority to the Superintendent through written District procedures and practices.
- D. The School Board shall determine the effectiveness of the policies by evaluating periodic reports from the administration.
- E. If a policy is modified with minor changes that do not affect the substance of the policy or because of a legal change over which the school board has no control, the modified policy may be approved at one meeting at the discretion of the school board.

IV. ADOPTION OF POLICY

- A. The School Board shall give notice of proposed policy changes or adoption of new policies by placing the item on the agenda of two School Board meetings.
- B. The final action taken to adopt the proposed policy shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the School Board. The date of adoption shall be recorded on each policy.

V. RATIONALE

The School Board has jurisdiction to legislate policy for the school district with the force and effect of law.

Formal guidelines help to confirm to the school district that the school board stewards its mission and governs in an effective, efficient and consistent manner.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, Subd. 1 (School District Powers)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subd. 1 (School Board Powers)