

**School Board Policy Adoption**

Adoption of new policies or changing existing policies is solely the responsibility of the Board. Policies will be adopted and/or amended only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board when such action has been scheduled on the agenda of a regular or special meeting.

To permit time for study of all new policies or amendments to policies and to provide an opportunity for others to react, proposed policies or amendments will normally be presented as an agenda item to the Board in the following sequence:

1. Discussion item--distributed with the agenda. First reading of proposed policy or policies; may have a response from Board members, Superintendent, committees, Board discussion, and directions for any redrafting.
2. Action item--Second reading of proposed policy or policies; discussion and directions may include any redrafting, adoption, or rejection of proposed policy or policies.

Amendments to the policy or policies at the action stage will not require repetition of the sequence, unless the Board so directs.

In some instances, the Board may dispense with the above sequence to meet emergency needs - "emergency clause."

Policies will be effective upon adoption by the Board. Once adopted, policies of the Board will be available to the community, staff, and students. The Board will re-adopt its collection of written policies annually at the organizational meeting.

Legal Reference: SDCL 13-1-12.1

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