

Board Policy BD: Policy Development

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The Henry County Board of Education (Board) is the governing body that determines policy for the governance and operation of Henry County Schools. The purpose of this policy is to outline expectations for the initiation, adoption, repeal and dissemination of the Board's policies.

I. DEFINITIONS

A. Board Policy

Board policies are statements adopted by the Board that describe the Board's beliefs and expectations for the governance and operation of the school system. Policies define the parameters within which the Superintendent and staff carry out their duties.

B. Administrative Regulation

Administrative regulations describe the Superintendent's procedures for implementing the Board's policies. Administrative regulations are subject to Board review and input but do not require Board approval.

C. Exhibits

Exhibits are supporting documents for administrative regulations (i.e. forms). Exhibits are subject to Board review but do not require Board approval.

II. POLICY INITIATION

Any Board Member and/or the Superintendent may suggest to the Board Chair a new or revised policy.

The Superintendent or a designee shall be responsible for researching and drafting specific policy proposals for Board review should such be directed by the Board Chair, be consensus of the Board, or arise from a Superintendent recommendation.

The Board shall have the opportunity to review and provide input on proposed policies prior to Board action. Additionally, the Board may seek stakeholder input so that information obtained may be considered.

III. POLICY ADOPTION AND REPEAL

The adoption or repeal of a policy shall occur upon majority vote of the Board at an official meeting.

Adoption by the Board of a new or revised policy officially repeals other policies, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the most recent adopted policy.

IV. POLICY REVIEW

In an effort to keep its written policies current, so that they may be used consistently as a basis for Board action and administrative decisions, the Board shall take action on whether to conduct a comprehensive review of all of its policies, at least once every five years.

The Board may engage an outside organization to assist in identifying when policy changes are needed, due to changes in laws, regulations, etc.

V. POLICY DISSEMINATION

The policies adopted by the Board shall be maintained in the Board Policy Manual, which shall be accessible to employees and the public.

Additionally, the dissemination of policies may occur through inclusion in student, parent, and/or employee handbooks, when appropriate.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORITY

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish administrative regulations, where appropriate, for implementing the Board's policies.

Changes in wording of a conforming or editorial nature (such as grammar corrections, changes of personnel titles, and wording clarification) which do not alter the intent or provisions of the policy may be made by the Superintendent or a designee but only published after such changes have been communicated to the Board.

The Superintendent shall have the authority to act in the absence of Board policy consistent with Georgia law.
