

School Board Governance & Operations

FORMULATION OF POLICY

The formulation of a written policy is a matter deserving of lengthy and serious study. Policies constitute the basic method by which the School Committee exercises its leadership in the operation of the school system. It is important that members of the Hudson Public Schools staff, parents, students, and the general public be given an opportunity to express their opinions on proposed new policies and changes in existing policies. Before being presented to the full School Committee for adoption, all policy actions must first be discussed in subcommittee to allow for public input during formulation. Within the guidelines established by the Chairperson, public input will be accepted during the discussion on policy changes and adoption at meetings of the full School Committee.

The Policy Subcommittee will have the general responsibility for submitting the policies in written form for the approval of the full Committee. Other subcommittees may generate policy recommendations in the areas specific to their functions, but must publicly announce the intention to review or generate policy, and the subject of the policy, prior to detailed discussion at subcommittee meeting(s). All policies must be reviewed by the Chairperson of the Policy Subcommittee, the Superintendent and legal counsel prior to being presented to the full Committee.

The formal adoption of policies shall be recorded in the minutes of the School Committee. A copy of officially adopted policies shall be distributed to members of the School Committee.

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