

**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

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to emphasize the importance of the policymaking role of the School Board and provide the means for it to continue to be an ongoing effort.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Formal guidelines help to confirm to the school community that the school system responds to its mission and governs in an effective, efficient and consistent manner. A set of written policy statements shall be maintained and modified as needed. Policies should define the desire and intent of the School Board and should be in a form which clearly defines the governance role.

III. DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY

- A. The School Board has jurisdiction to legislate policy for the school district with the force and effect of law. School Board policy provides the general direction as to what the School Board wishes to accomplish while delegating implementation of policy to the administration.
- B. The School Board's written policies provide guidelines and goals to the school community. The policies shall be the basis for the formulation of guidelines and directives by the administration. The School Board shall determine the effectiveness of the policies by evaluating periodic reports from the administration.
- C. Policies may be proposed by a School Board member, employee, student or resident of the school district. Proposed policies or ideas shall be submitted to the Superintendent for review prior to possible placement on the School Board agenda.

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.

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