

POLICY MANAGEMENT

The Board of Education recognizes that the adoption of written policies constitutes the basic method by which the Board exercises its leadership in the operation of the district. The policy manual may utilize the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) policy numbering system when adopting, identifying, amending, or rescinding policies in any and all policy resolutions.

Policies may be proposed for adoption, amendment, or rescission at any regular or special Board meeting, by any member of the school community. Such proposals can be presented to the Board as a written request to the President of the Board, who shall remand it to the Policy Committee, or to any member of the Board of Education who may make a similar request of the President of the Board.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent of Schools the responsibility and authority to establish any and all rules, regulations, and/or procedures necessary to implement and maintain its policies. Regulations promulgated or amended by the Superintendent become part of the policy manual without Board resolution or approval unless the associated policy specifically requires Board approval. The Board may, however, condition its approval of a new or amended policy on the promulgation of regulations. Exhibits shall be considered informational only, to be updated as needed without Board resolution.

The Board will maintain a process for policy manual review. The Superintendent and their administration will assist in the review and evaluation of Board policies when requested. Since policies often affect the students, parents, employees and/or community of the District, the Board shall make a continuing effort to try to involve as many relevant groups as reasonable during policy development. To ensure these groups a reasonable opportunity to advise the Board of their reactions to and feelings about proposed policies, no official Board vote shall take place on a policy adoption, amendment, or rescission at the meeting during which it is first presented to the Board for consideration, unless a majority of the Board determines that it is necessary to do otherwise.

The Superintendent, employee, students, parents and/or community of the District may recommend new policies and/or policy changes to the Board when a policy is not under review. Recommendations are required to be made through submission of the policy exhibit 2410-E1.

To adopt, amend, or rescind a policy requires a majority vote of the entire Board. Such vote will be taken in the same meeting as the third reading.

To permit time for study of all policies under review and to provide an opportunity for interested parties to react, the policies under review may be presented as an agenda item to the Board in the following sequence:

1. First Reading – This may be at a business meeting, a meeting of any committee of the whole or a special meeting following the meeting at which that policy has been developed and advanced. Speakers wishing to address policies under review will be heard in the speaker section of the relevant Board meeting agenda.
2. Second Reading – The next business meeting following the First Reading. Speakers wishing to address policies under review will be heard in the speaker section of the relevant Board meeting agenda.
3. Third Reading – The next business meeting following the Second Reading. Speakers wishing to address policies under review will be heard in the speaker section of the relevant Board meeting agenda, as action will be taken under Consideration of Resolutions to adopt, amend or rescind the policy.

The formal adoption, amendment and rescission of policies shall be recorded in Board minutes. Only those written statements so adopted or amended shall be regarded as official Board policy. Any policy that was reviewed with no amendments, shall be recorded in its notes as “Reviewed (date) with no amendments pursuant to Resolution No.”. The Board Policy Manual can be accessed at www.rcsdk12.org/policy.

Cross-ref: Criteria for Policy Analysis (2410-E1)

NYSSBA Ref: Public Report on Revisions to District Policies, Practices and Procedures Upon a Finding of Significant Disproportionality (4321.11) – Required Policy

Ref: Education Law §§1604(a); 1709(1); 1804

Notes: Prior policy, Policy Manual, BFC; Rules and Regulations of the Board of Education (Article II), revised; Amended May 27, 2021 pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-21: 840; Amended February 17, 2022 pursuant to Resolution No. 2021-22: 464; Amended November 30, 2023 pursuant to Resolution No. 2023-24: 469; Amended April 25, 2024 pursuant to Resolution No. 2023-24: 772

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