

Banks School District 13

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Development and Adoption

It is the intent of the Board to develop policies and put them in writing so that they may serve as guidelines and goals for the successful and efficient functioning of the public schools.

It is through the development and adoption of written policies that the Board shall exercise its leadership in the operation of the school system; it is through study and evaluation of reports concerning the execution of its written policies that the Board shall exercise its control over school operations.

The Board considers policy development its chief function, along with providing the personnel, buildings, materials and equipment for the successful administration and execution of its policies.

The Board accepts the definition of policy set forth by the National School Boards Association:

Policies are principles adopted by the Board to chart a course of action. They tell what is wanted; they may include why and how much. Policies should be broad enough to indicate a line of action to be followed by the administration in meeting a number of problems; they need to be narrow enough to give clear guidance.

It is the Board's intention that its policies serve as sources of information and guidance for all people who are interested in, or connected with, the public schools.

The policies of the Board are framed, and are meant to be interpreted, in terms of state laws, regulations of the State Board of Education, and all other regulatory agencies within our local, county, state and federal levels of government. The policies are also framed, and meant to be interpreted, in terms of those educational objectives, procedures and practices which are broadly accepted by leaders and authorities in the public education field.

The following steps ordinarily will be followed in the formulation and adoption of a policy:

1. Recognition by the Board or the superintendent of the need for a new policy, or revision or repealing of an existing policy;
2. Preparation of a draft policy by the superintendent;
3. Board review/First reading of the draft at a regular meeting;

4. Board review/Second reading of the draft at a regular meeting. The policy may be adopted, or, if substantive changes are made, additional readings may be held;
5. When, in the best interests of the district, immediate adoption of a proposed policy is necessary, the Board may adopt such policy at the first meeting in which it is presented.

Policies shall be effective upon the date set by the Board. This date shall ensure that affected persons have an opportunity to become familiar with the requirements for a new policy prior to its implementation.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 332.107
ORS 332.505

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Cross Reference(s):

BFD - Policy Dissemination
BFF - Suspension of Policies