

## Policy Development

The Board has the authority and responsibility to establish policy. The Board accepts the definition of policy set forth by the National School Boards Association:

School Board policies are statements which set forth the purposes and prescribe in general terms the organization and program of a school system. They create a framework within which the superintendent and his/her staff can discharge their assigned duties with positive direction. They tell what is wanted.

The formulation and adoption of policies, recorded in writing, will constitute the basic method by which the Board will exercise its leadership in the operation of the school system.

The policies shall be consistent with Oregon Revised Statutes, Oregon Administrative Rules and all federal laws and regulations.

The basic responsibility for initiating, reviewing and recommending new policies or policy modification will rest with the superintendent or designee; however, new policies or changes in existing policy may be proposed by any Board member, group or organization, staff member, parent, student or other member of the community. The superintendent or designee, in developing these policies, may be guided by the recommendations of the staff and may seek parent and community input during the preparation and subsequent review of policy statements. Advice from legal counsel may be appropriate. The final authority and responsibility for Board policy lies with the Board.

The superintendent or designee will furnish necessary background information to the Board.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)  
[ORS 332.505](#)  
[ORS 339.240](#)

[OAR 581-022-1610](#)  
[OAR 581-022-1720](#)

### Cross Reference(s):

BFD - Board Policy Implementation  
BFF - Suspension of Policies and Regulations