

Silver Falls School District 4J

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Board Policy Development

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 Silver Falls School District.

The Board considers policy development its chief function, along with providing the wherewithal such as personnel, buildings, materials and equipment for the successful administration, application 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 School 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; narrow enough to give clear guidance. Policies are guides for action by the administration, who then sets the rules and regulations to provide specific directions to school district personnel.”

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 district.

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. 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 to the superintendent for the Board to consider. The superintendent, in developing these policies, may be guided by the recommendations of the staff. Advice from legal counsel may be appropriate. The superintendent will furnish necessary background information to the Board.

The final authority and responsibility for Board policy lies with the Board.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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

[ORS 339.240](#)

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