

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 school district.

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

Changes in needs, conditions, purposes and objectives will require revisions, deletions and additions to the policies of present and future boards. The Board will welcome suggestions for ongoing policy development. The Board, representing the people of the district, is the legislative body which determines all general policy to be employed in the conduct of the public schools.

Actions of the Board will be operative unless found to be in conflict with the laws of the state of Oregon.

Proposals regarding district policies and operations may originate at any of several sources: a parent, a student, a taxpayer, an employee, a member of the Board, the superintendent, a professional consultant, a civic group, etc.

Action on such proposals, whatever their source, is taken finally by the Board in accord with its policies. The Board shall take action on most matters upon the basis of recommendations

presented to the Board by the superintendent. The superintendent bases his/her recommendations upon the outcomes of study, staff consultation and appointed committees.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 332.505](#)

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