

# Vale School District 84

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## 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.

Policies may be formulated, revised, added to or amended at a regular or special meeting of the Board by a majority vote of the members. Proposed amendments may be voted upon at any meeting subsequent to their presentation. 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; 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, 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 operation of any policy or section thereof not established by law may be temporarily suspended by majority vote of the Board.

When changes occur in policy, the Board/superintendent shall notify all affected or all employees.

All suggested changes or additions to be considered for inclusion in policies, except those from the Board, shall be forwarded through administrative channels to the superintendent for study and recommendations by the administrative staff before they are presented to the Board.

This does not preclude a policy advisory committee appointed by the superintendent and/or Board, should it be deemed feasible.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 332.505](#)

[OAR 581-022-1610](#)

[OAR 581-022-1720](#)

**Cross Reference(s):**

BFD - Board Policy Implementation

BFF - Suspension of Policies