

POLICY ADOPTION

Adoption of new policies or changing existing policies is the responsibility of the School Committee. Policies will be adopted and/or amended only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the School Committee when such action has been scheduled on the agenda of a regular or special meeting.

To permit time for study of new policies or amendments to policies and to provide an opportunity for interested parties to react, proposed policies or amendments will be presented as an agenda item to the Committee in the following sequence.

1. First reading of proposed policy or policies: recommendation of the Superintendent; report from any advisory committee assigned responsibility in the area; Committee discussion and directions for any redrafting.
2. Action item: discussion, revision as appropriate, adoption or rejection.

Amendments to the policy at the action stage will not require repetition of the sequence, unless the Committee so directs.

The School Committee may dispense with the above sequence to meet emergency conditions.

Policies will be effective immediately unless a different date is set by the School Committee. A delay may be necessary in some instances to ensure that affected persons have an opportunity to become familiar with the requirements of the new policy prior to its implementation.