

WEATHERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES

TITLE: POLICY FORMULATION/
DEVELOPMENT

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009. POLICY FORMULATION/DEVELOPMENT

It is essential that policies be established clearly and that the Board enact a definite system of policies. The proper function of the school district is made possible with the establishment of clear policy.

Advantages of clearly defined written policy are as follows:

- (1) policies foster continued stability and consistency of action;
- (2) the establishment of policy enables the Board to provide wisely for many circumstances before they arise;
- (3) established policy aids the Board in appraising educational services;
- (4) establishment of clear educational policies permits better orientation of new Board members and professional or non-professional employees to their proper responsibilities; and
- (5) the establishment of policy saves the valuable time of the Board by eliminating the necessity of making decisions each time a recurring circumstance develops.

Most policies will be determined through recommendations made by the Superintendent and his/her staff. Such development of policy may originate through certain needs that are manifested through consultation with the staff and other employees. Before the Board is ready to pass a policy, it is necessary for the Board to meet as a committee of the whole, preferably in executive session. Many policies are not involved and require a minimum of discussion. However, some policies which become a matter of procedure or heavy expenditure may require extensive background material to be furnished by the Superintendent and extensive discussion and/or debate.