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BOARD POLICY DEVELOPMENT

It is the intent of the Dover School 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 our public schools.

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 New Hampshire 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 Dover public schools.

The policies of the Board are framed, and are meant to be interpreted, in terms of New Hampshire 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. The policies are also framed, and are meant to be interpreted, in terms of those educational objectives, procedures, and practices which are broadly accepted by leaders and authorities in the public education field.

Changes in needs, conditions, purposes, and objectives may require revisions, deletions, and additions to the policies of present and future committees. The Board will welcome suggestions for ongoing policy development.

Proposals for new policies, or changes to existing policies may be initiated in writing by any School Board member, citizen, organization, or employee of the school district. Staff members and students especially are encouraged to participate in the development of policies.

The Board, representing the people of the district, is the legislative body which determines all questions of general policy to be employed in the conduct of the public schools.