

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

It is the intent of the board to develop written policies to serve as guidelines and goals for the successful and efficient functioning of CRCS.

The board considers policy development its most important governance function. The board accepts the definition of policy set forth by the National School Boards Association:

School Board policies are statements that set forth the purposes and prescribe in general terms the organization and program of a school system. They create a framework within which the Executive Director and the staff can discharge their assigned duties with positive directions. They tell what is wanted; they may include why and how much. Policies should define clearly the goals and objectives of the school system, allow for the flexibility that is vital in day-to-day operations, reflect the Board's vision, define roles and responsibilities (who is supposed to do what), and include measurable outcomes. Policies are guides for action by the administration, which 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 administrators, staff, learners, parents, community members and others who are interested in or connected with CRCS.

The policies are framed, and are meant to be interpreted, in terms of federal laws and regulations, state statute, rules of the Maine Department of Education, Maine Charter School Commission, State Board of Education, and all other regulatory agencies at various levels of government that apply to our work. The policies are also intended to reflect the Board's educational philosophy 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.

The Board regards policy development and review as an ongoing process. The need for revisions, deletions, and additions to the policies or new policy, may arise from a change in law and/or regulations, modification of CRCS's vision or goals, educational research or trends, the occurrence of a significant incident or a recommendation. The board will welcome suggestions for ongoing policy development.

Adoption of new or revised policies and repeal of existing policies is solely the responsibility of the Board. Policies will be adopted, amended, or repealed only by the affirmative vote of a majority of members present and voting.

Policies shall become effective upon Board adoption or at a future date designated by the Board at the time of the adoptions.

The Executive Director/designee will be responsible for distributing new or revised policies to Board members and for making policies accessible to employees, students and the public.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA Sec 1001(1)(A)

Cross Reference: BG-R – Policy Adoption and Amendment

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