

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The Bonneville Joint School District No. 93 Board of Trustees understands that written policies are the primary means by which the School Board governs the District. As such, the Board shall use policy development as a means to articulate the Board's vision for student achievement, citizenship, and business operations.

1. Policies provide several vital services:
 - a. Chart a course of action;
 - b. Have the force of law, but are subject to state and federal laws and regulations;
 - c. Give direction to and through the superintendent on how the District will operate;
 - d. Serve as guidelines for the Board's own operations; and
 - e. Direct the successful and efficient functioning of the District.
2. The Board recognizes that changes in needs, conditions, and laws will require revision, deletions and additions to the policies. The Board encourages suggestions, and proposals for policy changes from any individual or group affected by the District's policies.
3. The Board recognizes that the creation of new policies and/or the update to existing policies may require additional policies to be updated in order to maintain consistency and accuracy. The Board encourages those revisions and acknowledges it may take time to identify and update all affected policies. If a conflict is created by the creation of a new policy or an update to an existing policy, the most recent policy or update will be considered correct unless a review by the Board determines otherwise.
4. The Board directs the Superintendent/designee to use an orderly process in examining and preparing policy proposals for Board action, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Considering the impact the policy proposal will have on student achievement, citizenship, and business operations;
 - b. Gathering relevant research and data;
 - c. Aligning policies with the Strategic Plan;
 - d. Communicating with and encouraging input from those that will be affected by the policy change; and
 - e. Ensuring that policy, procedure and practice are consistent with each other.

5. DEFINITIONS

- a. **Policies:** are principles adopted by the Board to chart a course of action. They tell what is wanted and may include why and how much. They are broad enough to indicate a line of action to be taken by the Superintendent in meeting a number of day to day problems; they need to be narrow enough to give the administration clear guidance.

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Legal References: I.C. § 33-506(1) Organization and Government of Board of Trustees