

BOARD POLICY ADOPTION, REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION

Policymaking is the primary method by which school boards exercise their statutory authority and board powers. Therefore, the Evansville Community School District Board of Education shall adopt written policies to guide the actions of those to whom it delegates authority and to serve as the basis for School District operations and decision making.

In the development of policies, the Board and/or administration may consult, as appropriate, with individuals and groups affected by the policy and those with expertise related to the policy topic. All District policies should serve an identified purpose, be supportive of the District's vision, mission and goals, provide clear guidance, be in compliance with applicable legal requirements, and be consistent with related District policies and provisions of employee handbooks.

The District Administrator and Policy Committee share a continuing responsibility to review policies and suggest modifications to them as may be required. District policies shall be reviewed by the Policy Committee on a regular basis and updated as necessary. Proposals for new policies or changes to existing policies may be initiated in writing by any Board member, District employee or community member. The written request shall be referred to the Policy Committee for study prior to consideration by the Board. The submission of a policy proposal does not guarantee consideration of the proposal by the full Board.

Adoption of new or revised policies is solely the responsibility of the Board. Upon recommendation by the Committee, any new or revised policy will be submitted to the Board in writing. Each policy shall be properly noticed and shall be read at three consecutive Board meetings. Where implementation of a policy needs to occur prior to the third reading, the Board may approve the policy where the first or second readings occur. An affirmative vote by the majority of the Board shall be required for adoption. The Board may adopt, amend or suspend a policy at any time should the need arise.

When policies are updated or revised, this could have an impact on ancillary policies associated with the changed policy. In that case, these housekeeping reference changes will be implemented after one Board reading for notification purposes. Other items that could be considered housekeeping changes include English Language corrections, changing the policy number or other change that does not change the substance of the policy in any way.

The Board recognizes that while policymaking is its responsibility, the implementation of District policies is the responsibility of the District Administrator. The District Administrator shall develop administrative guidelines and exhibits as necessary to ensure effective and consistent policy implementation. Administrative guidelines and exhibits may be presented to the Board for informational purposes, but shall not be acted upon by the Board unless deemed appropriate or necessary by the Board and/or administration.