

## **POLICY ADOPTION**

It is the responsibility of the school board to adopt policies for governing schools. The power to enact policy cannot be delegated to an employee or agent such as the superintendent or a single member of the school board.

Policy is a basic statement of the intent of the school board which creates rights and responsibilities for the conduct of the school system's business. Being of a dynamic nature, policies are subject to revision by the school board.

Regulation is the manner or method of implementation of policy by the superintendent subject to change as conditions and/or circumstances may dictate.

Policies shall be developed and presented to the board evidencing the consideration given to the views of the division's community. The final authority for adoption rests solely with the school board.

When a proposed action of the school board, initiated either by board member or administration, affects existing school board policies, the existing policy and regulation, if any, shall be presented so that the effect of the new action will be clear.

Unless otherwise provided, when policies are altered or replaced, the new or revised policy shall become effective upon adoption.

All regulations for implementation of the policies shall be developed by or through the superintendent. They shall be presented to the school board as information items.

Where changes in policy and/or regulations are made, these shall be urgently prepared and distributed to all concerned for insertion into the policy and/or regulations manuals so that action of the school board may be implemented as soon as possible.

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Sec. 22.1-78, 22.1-253.13:7

Underwood v. Henry County School Board, 427 S.E. 2d 330, 245  
Va. 127, 9 VLR 904 (1993)