

POLICY ADOPTION

The Alexandria City School Board (Board) adopts policies for governing the school division. The power to enact policy cannot be delegated to an employee or agent such as the Superintendent or a single member of the Board.

Policy is a basic statement related to the conduct of the school division’s business. Policies provide overall guidance to the Superintendent and typically include but are not limited to content from the Code of Virginia as presented in the Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) model policies and optional belief statements developed by the Board. Policies are subject to revision by the Board.

Regulation is the manner or method of implementation of policy by the Superintendent and staff. Regulations are subject to revision by the Superintendent.

Policies may be developed and presented to the Board by the Superintendent or Superintendent’s designee.. The final authority for adoption rests solely with the Board.

When a proposed action of the Board, initiated either by a Board Member or the administration affects existing Board policies, the existing policy and regulation, if any, should be referenced so that the effect of the new action will be clear.

Unless otherwise specified in the policy, a new or revised policy becomes effective upon adoption.

All regulations are developed by or through the Superintendent. They are presented to the Board as information items prior to approval by the Superintendent. The Board may provide feedback on draft regulations or inform the Superintendent that it wants to act on a specified regulation.

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78, 22.1-253.13:7.
Underwood v. Henry County School Board, 245 Va. 127, 427 S.E. 2d 330, (1993).

Cross Refs.: BF Board Policy Manual
BFE/CHD Administration in Policy Absence
CH Policy Implementation

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Policy is a basic statement ~~of the intent of the School Board which creates rights and responsibilities for the related to the~~ conduct of the school division’s business. Policies provide overall guidance to the Superintendent and typically include but are not limited to content from the Code of Virginia as presented in the Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) model policies and optional belief statements developed by the School Board. ~~Being of a dynamic nature,~~ Policies are subject to revision by the ~~School~~ Board.

Commented [1]: Sentence is not part of the VSBA model policy. It codifies ACPS' beliefs about policy content.

Regulation is the manner or method of implementation of policy by the Superintendent and staff, ~~subject to change as conditions and/or circumstances may dictate.~~ Regulations are subject to revision by the Superintendent.

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Policies ~~shall~~ may be developed and presented to the Board by the Superintendent or Superintendent’s designee, evidencing the consideration given to the views of the division’s community. The final authority for adoption rests solely with the ~~School~~ Board.

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Unless otherwise ~~provided, when policies are adopted, altered or replaced, the new or revised policy shall become effective upon adoption. specified in the policy, a new or revised~~ revised policy becomes 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 prior to approval by the Superintendent, unless the School Board may provide feedback on draft regulations or inform informs the Superintendent that it wants to act on a specified regulation.

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

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