

| NEPN/NSBA Code: BG  
| M.S.A.D. #12 POLICY  
| SCHOOL BOARD POLICY PROCESS

| The School Board considers policy development its chief function. It is the intent of the  
| School Board to develop written policies to serve as the framework for the successful and  
| efficient functioning of the school unit. The School 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  
| Superintendent and the staff can discharge their assigned duties with positive direction. They  
| tell what is wanted. They may also indicate 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.

| It is the School Board's intention that its policies serve as sources of information and  
| guidance and direction for people who are interested in or connected with the schools.

| The policies of the school unit are framed and are meant to be interpreted in terms of federal  
| and state statutes, rules of the State Board of Education and Department of Education and other  
| regulatory agencies within the local, county, state and federal government. The policies are  
| also framed 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.

| Changes in needs, conditions, purposes and objectives will require revisions, deletions and  
| additions to the policies of the current School Board and those of the future. The School Board  
| will welcome suggestions for ongoing policy development.

| The development of draft policies shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent and/or the  
| Policy Subcommittee. Action on School Board policy proposals will be taken by the Board.

| Cross Reference: BG-R - Policy Adoption Procedure

| Adopted: October 08, 2002