

# Board Policy

## Methods of Operation

The Board operates at the policy-making level, leaving the administration of that policy to its District Superintendent, Chief Operating Officer, administrators and supervisors, thus freeing it for major considerations and decisions.

Board policies are statements, which set forth the purposes and prescribe in general terms the organization and program of a school system. They create a framework within which the District Superintendent, Chief Operating Officer, and other employees can discharge their assigned duties with positive direction. The policies tell what is desired and they may indicate the rationale for policies.

Rules and regulations provide more specific guidelines for management and describe established methods and practices.

This distinction between policy and rules and regulations does not imply that policy should deal only with abstract expressions of theory and philosophy. On the contrary, statements of policy should spell out clearly what the Board intends. The clearer the statement of the policy, the clearer the directions to be taken by the administration.

### References:

- [NYS Education Law §1709](#)

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