

Board Policy BDC: Policy Adoption

Status: DRAFT -
1st Reading

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Red Lined Version

It ~~will~~ ~~shall~~ be the responsibility of the DeKalb County Board of Education to enact written policies ~~for~~ ~~that~~ ~~promote~~ the efficient and effective governance of the District.

Development of appropriate policies is a cooperative process involving the Superintendent and the Board. Either the Board or the Superintendent may identify the need for a new or revised policy.

Once a need is identified, the Superintendent or designee will conduct ~~any~~ necessary research, consult with others as the Superintendent deems appropriate, and prepare a preliminary draft of the proposed policy or revision. The preliminary draft will be submitted to all Board members.

~~Except for matters of unusual urgency, p~~ Proposed policies or revisions will be presented for first reading at one monthly work session or business meeting and for action at the next month's or a later work session or business meeting.

Following first reading, the policy proposal will be posted online in a manner that allows parents, students, staff, and community members to submit written comments. All comments submitted by the specified deadline will be distributed to Board members in advance of the meeting at which the vote for action is scheduled to ~~will~~ be taken.

Board members may offer ~~changes~~ ~~proposed~~ ~~revisions~~ to a draft policy proposal at any time prior to Board action. Preferably those proposed revisions would be expressed or communicated during the period of public comment. Once the proposed revisions have been presented to the Board for approval, ~~Changes~~ amendments receiving a majority vote of Board members present will be incorporated into the ~~draft proposal~~ policy. The Board may, but is not required to, postpone action on a policy proposal if extensive changes have been made. ~~NN~~ New and revised policies become effective immediately upon adoption unless the Board specifies a different effective date. New and revised policies are not retroactive.

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~~Adoption of a new or revised policy requires a majority vote of Board members present. New and revised policies become effective immediately upon adoption unless the Board specifies a different effective date. New and revised policies shall not be retroactive.~~

All new and revised policies adopted by the bBoard ~~shall~~ will be attached to and made a part of the minutes of the meeting at which they were adopted. Only those new and revised policies so adopted and recorded ~~shall~~ will be regarded as official bBoard policy.

In matters of unusual urgency, the bBoard may expedite or otherwise alter the policy-adoption process.

The rescission of a policy follows the same procedures as the adoption of new and revised policies.

~~Staff shall ensure that t~~The Online Board Policy Manual ~~is~~ will be updated to reflect additions, revisions, and rescissions approved by the Board.

Any Board action that appears to be in conflict with Board policy ~~shall~~ will remain valid and effective unless the policy conflicts with state law. The conflicting policy will be deemed suspended to the extent and for such time as may be required by the action taken by the Board. However, such actions ~~shall~~ will not otherwise constitute an amendment of these policies.

~~The board will conduct a comprehensive review of its policies at least once every 3-5 years. The Superintendent annually shall review the policy manual of the Board and report recommended changes to the Board. TT~~

The sSuperintendent will develop and revise administrative regulations to implement Board policy as the sSuperintendent deems necessary or as directed by the bBoard.

The bBoard reserves the right to review administrative regulations prior to implementation.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

Note: To access the policy references, **CLICK HERE: [State of Georgia Terms and Conditions](#)** and close the LexisNexis tab, which will return you to the policy. Click on the links below to be taken to each specific code. **You should only have to do this one time per session.**

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O.C.G.A. 20-02-0059

Description

[\[Effective until June 30, 2027. See note.\] Rules; regulation of face masks](#)

O.C.G.A. 20-02-0061

[Fundamental roles of local boards of education and local school superintendents](#)