

POLICY ADOPTION

School District policies approved by the Board have the full force and effect of law, and legally bind the school district.

Adoption of new policies or changing existing policies is solely the responsibility of the Board. Policies will be adopted and/or amended only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board ~~when such action has been scheduled on the agenda of a regular or special meeting.~~

To permit time for study of all new policies or amendments to policies and to provide an opportunity for others to react, proposed policies or amendments will be presented as an agenda item to the Board in the following sequence:

1. Information item - distribution with agenda (this may be an announcement that a policy is being developed in a particular area and that interested persons may submit suggestions).
2. Discussion item - first reading of proposed policy or policies; response from Superintendent; report from any Board or advisory committee assigned responsibility in the area; Board discussion and directions for any redrafting.]
3. Action item - discussion, adoption or rejection.

Amendments to the policy at the action stage will not require repetition of the sequence, unless the Board so directs. In instances, the Board may dispense with the above sequence to meet emergency conditions. Policies will be effective upon adoption by the Board. ~~Once adopted, policies of the Board shall be distributed to the community, staff and students.~~ The Board's policies are a public record. Policies are available for reviewing and copying in the administrative offices of the school district during regular office hours. Policies may also be viewed on the District's website.

Legal References: [SDCL 13-5-1 \(School districts defined\)](#)
 [SDCL 13-8-39 \(Management of schools by board - general powers\)](#)
 [Barnes v. Spearfish School District](#)
 [Wessington Springs Ed. Ass'n v. District](#)

1st Reading: **02/13/1995**
2nd Reading/Adopted: **03/13/1995**
1st Reading: **03/11/2013**
2nd/Final Reading: **04/15/2013**
Notification: **05/10/2021**
1st Reading: **06/14/2021**
2nd Reading/Adopted: **07/19/2021**