

# **DARTMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICIES**

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## **POLICY IMPLEMENTATION**

The Superintendent has responsibility for carrying out, through regulations, the policies established by the School Committee.

The Superintendent will be responsible for specifying required actions and designing the detailed arrangements under which the school system will be operated in accordance with School Committee policy. These detailed arrangements will be designed to implement policies, goals, and objectives of the Committee and will be one of the means by which the school system will be governed.

The policies developed by the Committee and the regulations developed to implement policy are designed to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the school system. Consequently, it is expected that all employees and students of Dartmouth Public Schools will carry them out.

Administrators and supervisors are responsible for informing staff members in their schools, departments, or divisions of existing and updated policies and regulations and for seeing that they are implemented in the spirit intended.

The Principal of each school building containing the grades nine to twelve, inclusive, in consultation with the school council, shall prepare and distribute to each student a handbook setting forth the rules pertaining to conduct of students. The school council shall review the handbook each spring to consider changes to take effect in the following school year. For elementary schools, the handbooks will be identical relative to student expectations with differences only as strictly necessary due to specific differences in the buildings.

The contents of all handbooks shall conform to School Committee policies and applicable Massachusetts General Laws. It is also important that all handbooks bearing the name of the school system or one of its schools be of a quality that appropriately reflects the Dartmouth Public Schools. Therefore, the Committee expects handbooks requiring approval to be approved prior to publication by the Committee and/or the Superintendent.

Committee approval will be necessary for any handbooks that pertain to required standards of conduct for employees or students so that their contents may be accorded the status of Committee-approved policy or regulation. The Superintendent will use his/her judgment as to whether other specific handbooks need Committee approval; however, all handbooks published will be made available to the Committee for informational purposes.

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