

1000 Series Policies

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1001 General Policy Statement

The organization, management, and control of this school district is vested in its board of education (“board”). To guide the board and school district operations, and to assist it and its designees in carrying out duties, the board will establish, maintain, and amend a set of policies.

Written board policies serve the following purposes:

1. Formally articulating the board’s goals and long-term objectives.
2. Providing district administrators and staff with guidance in making decisions that affect students, employees and patrons of the district.
3. Informing the public of the manner that the board and district will conduct its business and its relationships with staff, pupils, parents and patrons.

To avoid unnecessary rigidity, these policies are stated in general terms. With the exception of statutory requirements or instances when the specific application of a policy is essential to the long-term welfare of the district, these policies are intended to provide administrators with the flexibility to apply them to a wide range of situations.

The policies are not the only guidelines for district operations. Specific regulations, procedures, and practices also help guide and govern actions and decisions. They must be consistent with policies, but serve a different purpose.

Exceptional Circumstances

The board cannot foresee every situation that may arise, and circumstances will occur when these policies provide inadequate guidance. In such circumstances, the superintendent should use his or her best judgment, and communicate with the board about the situation as soon as is convenient.

Validity of Policies

Each policy and its provision should be interpreted so that it is valid under applicable law. If a court determines that a provision of a policy is invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of that policy.

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Creation, Amendment, and Distribution of Board of Education Policies

Each of these policies shall become the official policy of the school district when the board has approved it by majority vote of the members present at any lawfully convened meeting of the board.

It shall generally be the practice of the board to adopt or amend any policy after a single reading at any regular or special board meeting. However, the board may, in its discretion, review policies at multiple meetings prior to taking action.

Each policy shall bear the date when it was adopted, revised or reviewed.

The superintendent shall distribute copies of these policies to all members of the board, maintain a master copy in the central office, and see to it that the policies are maintained on the school district's web site.

Annual Review

The board shall review all policies at least once every three years. Nebraska statutes require an annual review and/or hearing to solicit public comment on these specific policies:

Parental Involvement Policy

Title I Parental Involvement Policy

(NOTE: These first two are distinct parental involvement policies, and both must be reviewed annually.)

Student Fees Policy

Bullying

Multicultural Education

Student Assessment

Teacher Evaluation

Student Academic Performance

Safety and Security Committee

Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism

The board may update or add policies as needed. The board shall determine the number of copies of policies to be made and their distribution. The superintendent shall maintain an up-to-date master copy of the policies in the main administrative office. Unless otherwise directed by the board, the master copy shall be considered the official district policy manual.

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1003 Mission Statement

It is the mission of Arthur County Schools to provide quality educational experiences for all students which will help them achieve their potential in a changing world.

We believe that:

1. The school system will be dedicated to excellence.
2. An effective school organization produces a better education.
3. Constructive and effective communication is essential to the success of the school.
4. All students deserve the equal opportunity to learn and experience success through various academic and co-curricular activities.
5. Students should be given the opportunity to enhance their own skill level.
6. High quality education requires a commitment of the district's financial resources.
7. People are our most valued/valuable resource.
8. Effective leadership is essential in all aspects of a high quality school.
9. We will put a high value on meaningful continuing education for faculty and staff.
10. All students deserve an opportunity for a high quality education to achieve future success.
11. All students deserve a secure environment conducive to learning.
12. There will be an atmosphere of mutual respect and concern of self and others.
13. We will provide each student with necessary tools to become a productive member of a rapidly changing technological society.
14. We will develop citizens who respect the unique cultural heritage and racial diversity of our global community.
15. It is essential that we have an involved community of parents and patrons who are committed to high standards.

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