

The board of education reserves to itself the functions of developing and revising policies for the school system. The formation and adoption of policies will constitute the primary method through which the board exercises its leadership in the operation of the school system. All policy decisions will be made while keeping in mind the board's objective to provide students with the opportunity to receive a sound basic education.

Board policy is applicable to all schools and programs within the school system unless the board directs otherwise in an individual policy. However, unless otherwise directed by the board, the superintendent may exempt any school designated as a restart model authorized by G.S. 115C105.37B(a)(2) from any board policy requirements that correspond to a state statute or rule from which restart schools are exempted by law.

Unless expressly noted, all references to "parent" or "parents" in these policies should be read to include parents, legal guardians, and legal custodians.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -47; *Leandro v. State*, 346 N.C. 336 (1997)

Cross References: Board Authority and Duties (policy 1010)

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