

School Board Policy

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that sound school board policy is essential to the successful and efficient functioning of the public schools.
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that in order to meet legal requirements and to provide effective direction for the operation of the district and its schools, local district policies should be reviewed on an ongoing basis. Boards should involve all stakeholders, including members of the community in the policy development and review process when appropriate. *[Authority: DA 5/76-CR (Policy Advisory), DA 12/82-CR (Urban Education), DA 6/93-SR, DA 11/98-SR]*
- C. **The NJSBA believes** that the role of the State Department of Education in approving local district policy should not exceed the requirements of administrative code or encroach on the authority of local boards of education regarding the management and operation of the district. Nevertheless, the State Department of Education should maintain a publicly available list of legislatively or regulatorily mandated policies that a local board of education is required to maintain as part of its policy manual. Sample or model policies may be provided as guidance for local boards but should not indicate any specific language is mandated. *[Authority: DA 12/87-5, DA 6/93-SR, DA 11/98-SR, DA 5/03-SR, DA 5/08-SR, DA 5/13-SR, DA 5/18-SR, DA 5/23-SR, DA 5/24-11]*

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