



# RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Board Policy Development, Adoption, Amendment, and/or Revision**

The Board shall provide guides for the discretionary action of those to whom it delegates authority. These guides for discretionary action shall constitute the policies governing the operation of the school system.

Board policies are the foundation for decision making in the district, need to be in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations, and need to be flexible enough to be workable and specific enough to be clearly understandable.

Initial presentation of a proposed new policy and administrative rules, policy amendment, or policy revision shall be in writing. A first reading shall be taken at a Board meeting for initial acceptance or revision of the proposed policy. After the first reading is approved, a second reading shall be taken at the next Board meeting for final adoption. A majority of all votes cast shall be required for policy adoption, amendment, and/or revision.

Board policy may be waived by 6 members of the Board. This shall be done on a case-by-case basis.

The Board can adopt, amend, or rescind a policy without a “first reading.” The Board may forego a first reading and go directly to a second reading in a situation where it is determined that the timing is critical (e.g. to start a school year, for legal compliance reasons, in an emergency).

The Board shall periodically review and appraise existing policies to ensure that they are in compliance with current laws. State and federal laws shall have legal precedence over any Board policy.

CROSS REF.: Policy #151.2 - Policy Dissemination  
Policy #151.3 - Administration in Policy Absence  
Policy #253 - Policy Implementation

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