

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REVIEW OF REGULATIONS

It is expected that the Superintendent and administrative staff will need to issue regulations implementing policies of the School Committee. Many of these will be routine from year to year; others will arise in special circumstances; some will be drawn up under specific directions from the committee.

The committee may review the regulations developed by the Superintendent for the school system prior to their issuance, but it will revise or veto such regulations only when, in the committee's judgment, they are inconsistent with policies adopted by the committee.

The committee will not officially approve regulations except as required by state law or in cases when strong community attitudes, or possible student or staff reaction, make it necessary or advisable for a regulation to have the committee's advance approval.

Before issuance, regulations will be properly titled and coded as appropriate to subject and in conformance with the codification system selected by the committee. Those officially approved by the committee will be so marked; all others appearing in the manual will be considered approved provided they are in accordance with the accompanying committee policy.

Rules Pertaining to Staff and Student Conduct

Under Massachusetts' law, the Superintendent is required to publish "rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct of teachers and students which have been adopted." (Codes of discipline, as well as procedures used to develop such codes shall be filed with the Department of Education for information purposes only.) Standards of conduct will be included in staff and student handbooks. These handbooks will be reviewed and approved annually by the School Committee.

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