

## **BOARD POLICIES**

The Holdenville Board of Education believes that the formulation of school policy is its primary function and responsibility. Recognizing that formal guidelines are necessary to ensure that the school system responds to its stated mission and operates in an effective, efficient, and consistent manner, a set of written policy statements shall be formulated and maintained. Policies shall be in the form of board principles that define the desire and intent of the board. They should indicate what is wanted and why, in such a form which is concise but sufficiently explicit to guide administrative action.

School policies are statements which set forth the goals of the community and the board of education. School policies serve as guidelines for the successful and efficient functioning of the school system. They create a framework within which the administrative staff can successfully discharge its responsibilities in organizing and carrying out a sound educational program.

The basic responsibility for initiating, reviewing, and recommending new policies or policy modifications shall rest with the superintendent. However, policies may be cooperatively formulated or revised by the board of education working with students, teachers, parents, and residents of the school district. Proposals for new policies or changes to existing policies may be initiated by any board member, employee of the board, student, or resident of Holdenville. It shall be the policy of the board to encourage the participation of any of these groups in policy-making for the school district. Such proposals shall be submitted in writing to the superintendent for referral to the board, but the final authority rests solely with the board. The implementation of adopted school policy is the responsibility of the superintendent and the administrative staff.

A board policy statement may be added or an existing policy statement may be changed or deleted at any board meeting by the approval of a majority of the membership, provided such action is properly announced by the agenda of that meeting.

When, in the opinion of the superintendent or board, there is a question about a policy's conformance to law, the counsel of the school district's attorney shall be sought.

REFERENCE: 70 O. S. 5 – 105, et seq.