

Approval of Handbooks and Directives

The law directs that in each school building containing the grades nine to twelve, inclusive, the Principal, in consultation with the school council, shall prepare and distribute to each student a handbook setting forth the rules pertaining to conduct of students. The school council in its advisory role to the Principal shall review the handbook each spring to consider recommended changes in the disciplinary policy to take effect in September.

It is essential that the contents of all handbooks conform to School Committee policies. It is also important that all handbooks bearing the name of the school system or one of its schools be of a quality that reflects credit on the school department. Therefore, the School Committee expects handbooks be approved prior to publication by the School Committee and/or the Superintendent.

School Committee approval will be necessary for any handbooks that pertain to required standards of conduct for employees or students so that their contents may be accorded the status of School Committee-approved policy or regulation. The Superintendent will use his/her judgment as to whether other specific handbooks need School Committee approval; however, all handbooks published will be made available to the School Committee for informational purposes.

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