



INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: Organization

Purpose, Role and Responsibilities of the Board of Education

I. PURPOSE

A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County is empowered, directed, and required to maintain a reasonably uniform system of public schools designed to provide quality education and equal educational opportunity for all youth and shall be in control of all educational matters affecting Baltimore County. It promotes the interests of the public schools of Baltimore County. The following are the basic responsibilities of the Board:

1. Reflect the aspirations and desires of the citizens for an adequate educational program;
2. Comply with federal and state laws and regulations;
3. Select the Superintendent of Schools;
4. Appoint the personnel needed for developing and carrying out the educational program as recommended by the Superintendent;
5. Review the evaluation of the educational program as determined by the Superintendent and act upon recommendations contained therein;
6. Prepare and support an annual budget for the operating and capital needs of the school system;

II. Responsibilities

A. The Board of Education shall concern itself primarily with questions of policy rather than with administrative details. The application of policies is an administrative task to be performed by the Superintendent of Schools and the staff, who shall be held responsible for the effective administration and supervision of the entire school system. The Board, as the governing body of the school system, fulfills its mission by adopting policies concerning:

1. The educational program, to determine the effectiveness with which the schools are achieving the educational purposes of the school system
2. The appointment of a staff, and its professional development, to assist students in reaching appropriate goals
3. The dissemination of information relating to the schools, necessary for creating a well-informed public
4. The planning, expansion, improvement, financing, construction, and maintenance of the physical plant of the school system
5. The standards needed for the efficient operation and improvement of the school system
6. The establishment and maintenance of records, accounts, archives, management methods, and procedures incidental to the conduct of school business
7. The budget, financial reports, audits, major expenditures, payment of obligations, and policies whereby the administration may formulate procedures, regulations, and other guides for the orderly accomplishment of business.

Legal Reference: Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article
§4-108 Duties in general.
§4-101, CONTROL AND PROMOTION OF EDUCATION

Policy

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