BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) REGARDING
LOCATING BOARD POLICIES AND SUPERINTENDENT'S RULES

1.   How can I find the Board's Policies?

The Board of Education's Policy Manual may be accessed from the school system's homepage web site. From the homepage, go to the "System" menu dropdown and click: "Board Policies and Superintendent's Rules."

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Policy Manual of the Board of Education of Baltimore County

The Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland requires county boards of education to "determine the educational policies of the county school system." Md. Code Ann., Educ., §4-108 Moreover, all local boards are required to "adopt, codify and make available to the public, bylaws, rules, and regulations not inconsistent with State law, for the conduct and management of the county public schools." In Baltimore County, all policies adopted by the Board of Education and rules issued by the Superintendent of Schools are found on its Policy webpage.

A policy is a statement of the vision, goals, principles or position of the Board of Education to guide and direct the Superintendent and the staff. Additionally, as used in the 8000 Series, Internal Board Operations, policies are understood as tools to establish concrete mechanisms for the Board's self-governance.
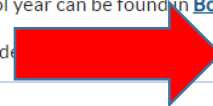
The policy manual is divided into nine 'series': basic board commitments; community relations; administration; non-instructional services; personnel; students; instruction; new construction; and internal board operations. Policies are adopted by the Board at one of its regular meetings in accordance with the procedures set forth in Policy 8130.

A rule is issued by the Superintendent of Schools to implement the policies of the Board of Education and to establish the manner in which Board policies are to be executed. Rules of the Superintendent are presented to the Board for information purposes, and do not require Board approval for their enactment.
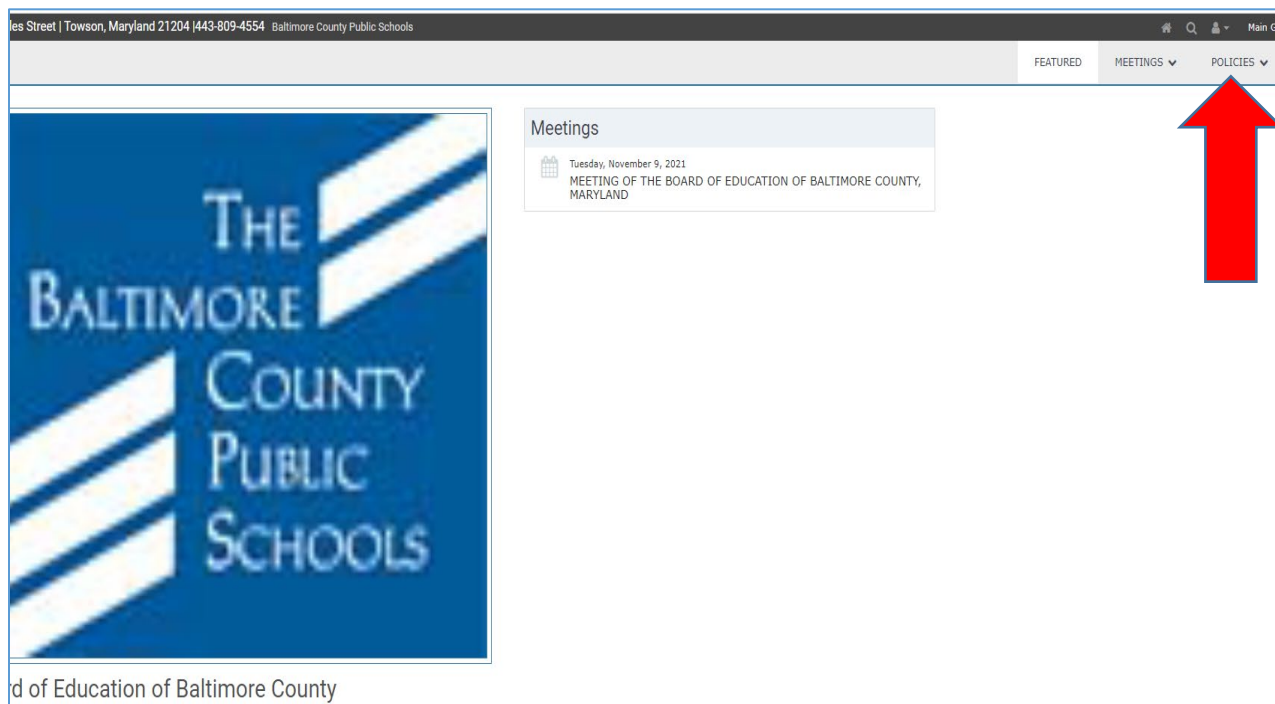
School Year 2021-2022 Changes

The Board of Education's (Board) review of policies is an on-going process. The Policy Review Schedule is presented to the Board on an annual basis pursuant to **Superintendent's Rule 8130**; the policies scheduled to be reviewed during this school year can be found in **Board Docs**.

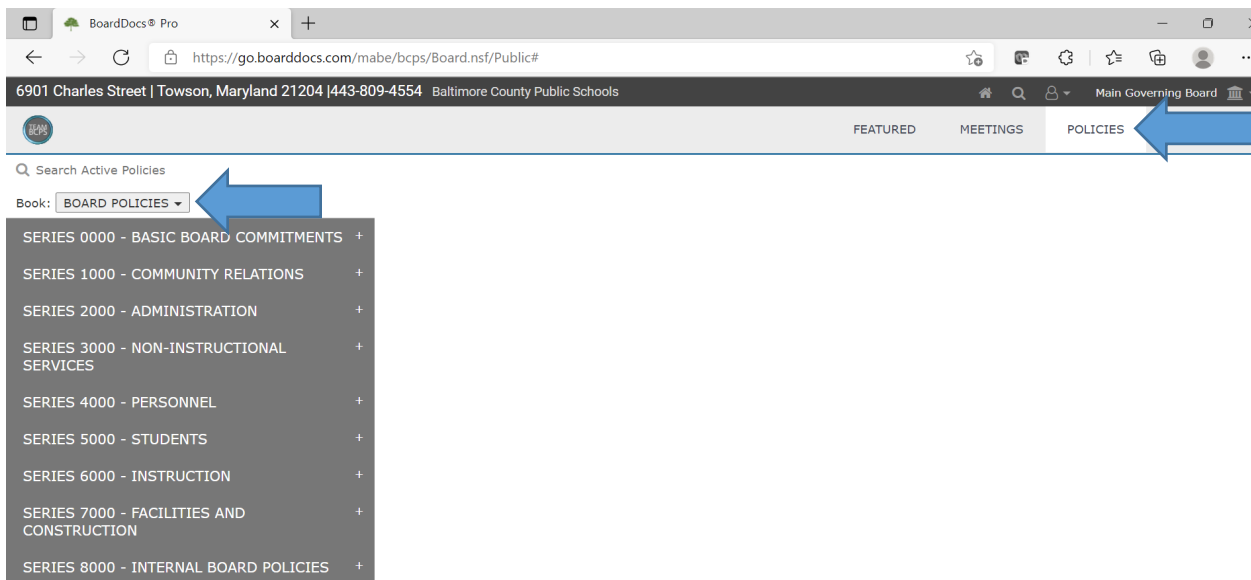All current Board of Education Policies and Superintend[...]e in **Board Docs**.

You will then be taken to the landing page for Board Policies and Superintendent's Rules. From this page, go to BoardDocs,

When you reach the BoardDocs page, click on "Policies" from the top menu.

Click on "Book" on the left-hand side of the screen.
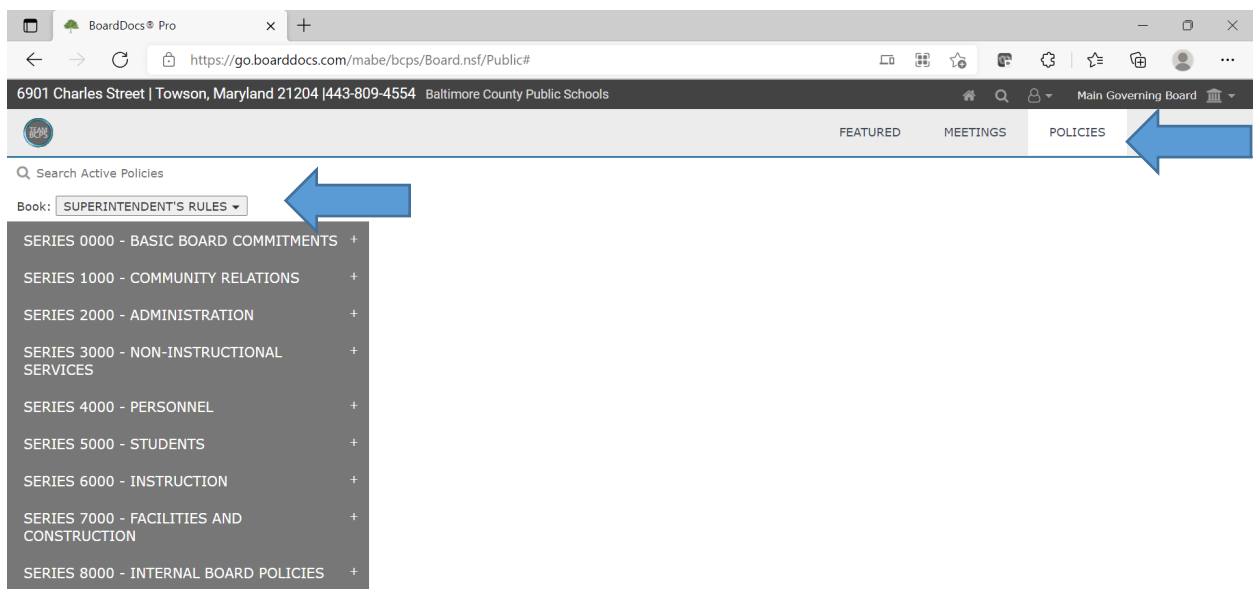You can access all of the Board's policies by series.

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2.   How can I find Superintendent's Rules?

Superintendent's Rules are also found on the BoardDocs website.

In BoardDocs, click on "Policies" on the top menu, Click on "Book" from the left-hand side.

From the Book dropdown, click: "Superintendent's Rules."

You can find all the Superintendent's Rules by series.

3.   How are the Board Policies and Superintendent's Rules organized?

Board policies and Superintendent's Rules are organized into nine different series. The specific series, as well as examples of the policies found within these series, are:

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0000, Basic Board Commitments
Includes equity, Board's precepts, beliefs and values, equal employment opportunity

1000, Community Relations
Community involvement, school visitors, use of facilities, public charter schools

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2000, Administration
Includes organization charts, distribution of non-school materials, records management

3000, Non-Instructional Services
Includes policies and rules relating to purchasing, finance, budget planning, school activity funds, transportation

4000, Personnel
Includes nepotism, medical evaluations, employee conduct

5000, Students
Includes policies about student discipline, bullying, grading, special permission transfers, non-resident students

6000, Instruction
Includes policies about curriculum, magnet programs, school calendar, extracurricular activities

7000, Facilities and Construction
Includes policies and rules about capital projects funded by private donations, renaming a school

8000, Internal Board Policies
Includes the Ethics Code Policies and everything related to the Board's operations, such as board meetings, self-evaluation, setting agendas, Ethics Code policies

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4.   What if I'm not sure about the correct series where a policy can be found? Is there another way to find Board policies?
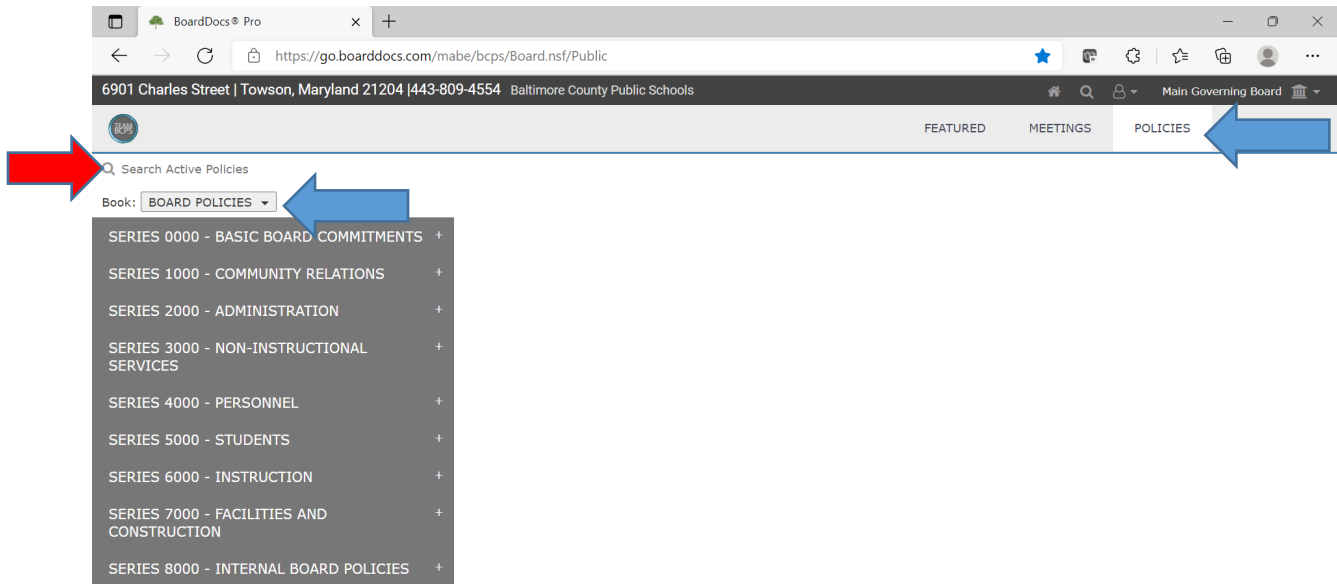
Yes. BoardDocs allows you to search the policies and rules by **keyword.**

Policy Keyword Search: To search for a policy by keyword, once in BoardDocs, click on "Policies" on the top menu.

Then, click "Book."

Choose "Board Policies" from the dropdown

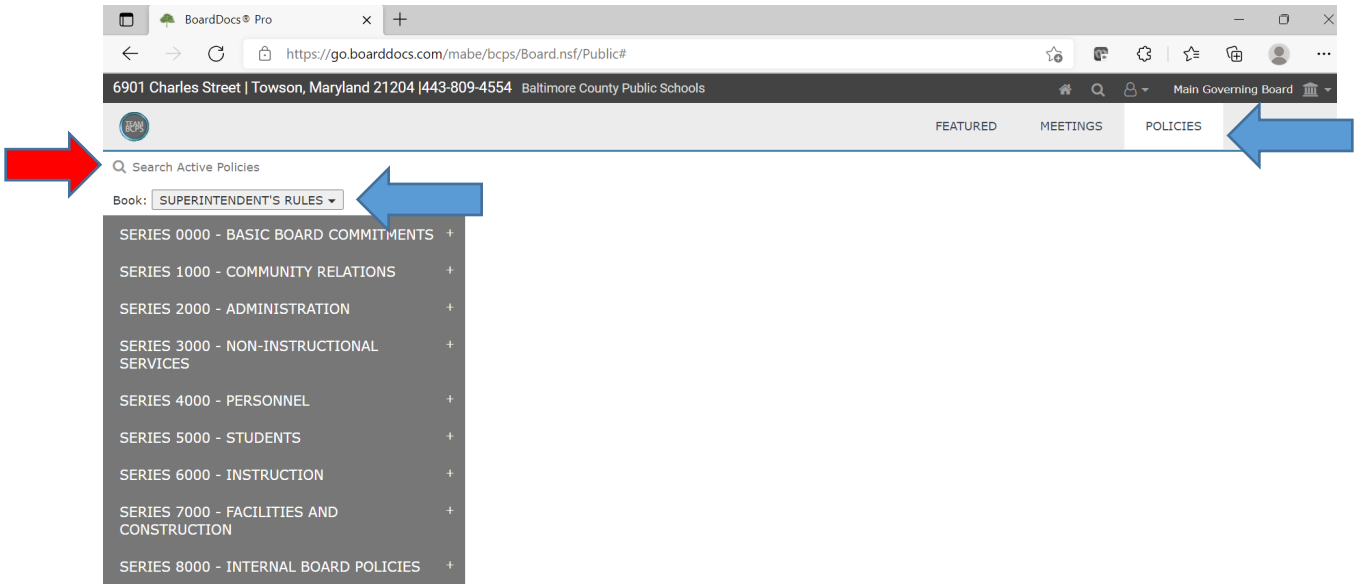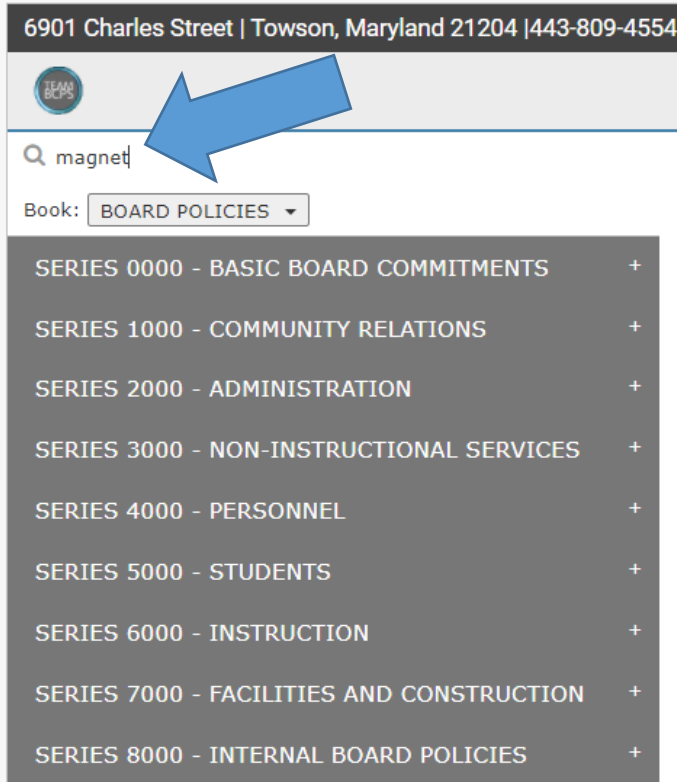Enter your key word in "Search Active Policies" and then click the search symbol.

Superintendent's Rule Keyword Search: In BoardDocs, click on "Superintendent's Rules" on the top menu.

Then, click "Book."

Choose "Superintendent's Rules" from the dropdown

Enter your key word in "Search Active Policies" and then click the search symbol.

The search with the keyword "magnet" would look like this:

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Your results will look like this:

5. **How will I know when policies are supposed to be reviewed?**

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If you have questions about accessing policies and rules after you have read this FAQ, contact the Policy Review Committee by email at: policy@bcps.org