

NEW SALEM/WENDELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
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 or requirements of the Commonwealth. Many of these will be routine; 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 to ensure that they are consistent with policy, goals, and objectives of the District; it will revise or veto such regulations only when, in the Committee's judgment, they are inconsistent with policies adopted by the Committee.

Under routine circumstances, the Committee will not officially approve regulations except as required by state law. However, the Committee shall consider endorsing regulations in special cases when community, student, or staff concerns, attitudes, or reactions make it advisable for a regulation to be discussed at a public hearing.

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.

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 71:37H

NOTE: The coding indicates that the identical policy is also filed in the C (General School Administration) section.

It is important to point out that a School Committee is required to approve many regulations -- either by law (one example is cited above) or the dictates of good judgment.

First reading: 03-01-07

Second reading, first vote: 04-05-07

Final vote: 05-03-07