

Policy Committee Work Plan

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Charge: The Policy Committee was created on November 13, 2001. It consists of four Board members. When the need for a new or revised policy is recognized, the committee meets with appropriate staff to develop a draft policy. The committee then presents the proposed policy item to the Board for discussion and tentative action. Policy is defined as principles adopted by resolution of the Board of Education to guide the development and implementation of educational programs and/or for management of the school system.

Meetings: Every other month and as needed

Strategic Plan Reference: System Goal 1 – Ensure Success for Every Student; Goal 2 – Provide an Effective Instructional Program; Goal 3 – Strengthen Productive Partnerships for Education

Policies to be reviewed (in alphabetical order):

ABC: *Parental Involvement*

ACD: *Quality Integrated Instruction* (and related policies)

AEB: *Strategic Planning for Continuous Improvement*

BBB: *Ethics*

BLB: *Rules of Procedure in Appeals and Hearings*

DJB: *Bid Awards*

DNA: *Disposition of Board of Education Property*

ECK: *Use of Smith Center for Non-MCPS Groups*

ECM: *Joint Occupancy of MCPS Facilities*

GFC: *Reassignment of Personnel after 25 Years of Service or Age 50*

GMB/GFA: Personnel Policies

IGA, IED, and ISA (collectively): *High School Core Courses, Framework/Structure of High School Education, and High School Graduation Requirements and Waiver of Four-Year Enrollment Requirement for Graduation*

IOA: *Gifted and Talented*

ISD: High School Commencements

JEF: Open Lunch Policy

Note: Other policies may be identified for review through the policy audit process.

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Evaluations that may be conducted:

JPG: *Wellness: Physical and Nutritional Health*

GAA: *Positive Work Environment in a Self-renewing Organization*

Miscellaneous Items (including referrals to committee or reports that are to be received):

- Report back to committee concerning how to evaluate the outcome of the three-year policy review process.
- Report back to committee concerning the use of definitions in policies and present it to the committee.
- Policy review to come back to the committee:
 1. ACB: *Nondiscrimination*
 2. ACG: *Access to Services, Programs, and Activities by Individual with Disabilities*
 3. GMA: *Human Relations Training by MCPS Staff*
 4. IGN: *Combating Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse*
 5. IQD: *Academic Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities*
- Report back to committee regarding the reporting requirements in the following policies:
 1. ACE: *Gender Equity*
 2. BOA: *Legal Services*
 3. CNE: *Facility Improvements That Are Not Funded with Montgomery County Revenues*
 4. GBH: *Employment of Individuals with Disabilities*
 5. IOD: *Education of English Language Learners*
 6. JEC: *Placement, Promotion, Acceleration, and Retention*
 7. JED: *Residency, Tuition, and Enrollment*
- Board referred the following item:

Resolved, That the Board of Education direct the Policy Committee to review Policy JEE, *Student Transfers*, in consultation with staff and counsel the feasibility and advisability of providing for an alternative to the hardship requirement when a transfer is supported by the requested school because it would aid that school's academic program; and be it further

Resolved, That the Policy Committee will report its findings and any recommendations to the full Board by the all-day meeting in April 2009.

- Monitor implementation of Policy IEB, *Middle School Education*
- Monitor implementation of Policy JNA, *Curricular Expenses for Students*
- Staff to report back regarding grading and reporting policy, regulations, practices, or guidelines being linked online

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