

# Board Policy

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## **ROLE OF AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR EMPLOYEES**

This series of the board policy manual is devoted to the Board's goals and objectives for employees in the performance of their jobs. Employees provide a variety of important services for the children of the school district community. They may be teaching or assisting in the classroom, working in the office, maintaining the facilities, driving or repairing the school buses, or cooking lunches. Each employee plays a vital role in providing an equal opportunity for a quality education for students commensurate with students' individual needs. While the teachers have the most direct impact on the formal instruction of students, all employees have an impact on the school environment by their dedication to their work and their actions. As role models for students, employees shall promote a cooperative, enthusiastic, and supportive learning environment for the students.

In striving to achieve a quality education program, the Board's goal is to obtain and retain qualified and effective employees. It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to make recommendations to the Board in these areas prior to board action regarding the number, qualifications and duties of the positions and the school district's standards of acceptable performance. The Board shall then act on these recommendations. The Board recognizes its duty to bargain collectively with duly certified collective bargaining units. To the extent a group of employees has a recognized collective bargaining unit; the provisions of the master contract regarding such topics shall prevail.

Board policies in this series relating to general employees shall apply to employees regardless of their position as a licensed employee, classified employee, substitute or administrator. Board policies relating to licensed employees shall apply to positions that require a teaching license or administrator's certificate or other professional license, certificate or endorsement, unless administrative positions are specifically excluded from the policy or a more specific policy is in the 300 series, Administration. Classified employees' policies included in this series shall apply to positions that do not fall within the definition of licensed employee.

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