

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT RELATIONS

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Purpose

To clarify the relationship between the board of education and the superintendent.

Definitions

N/A

Policy Statement

The relationship of the Board of Education and the superintendent is similar to that of a board of directors and the chief executive officer of a business corporation. Specifically, it is the role of the Board to establish policy and the role of the superintendent to administer that policy.

The establishment of policies for the governing of a school system by the Board of Education and the administration of those policies by the Superintendent of Schools calls for a high order of devotion, statesmanship, and integrity. It is of supreme importance for the good of the students in our schools that the Board and superintendent work in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect.

The authority to administer board of education policy, public school laws and Maryland State Board of Education bylaws is conferred upon the superintendent by the Annotated Code of Maryland, and the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR). The Board holds the superintendent responsible for administration of its policies, the execution of Board decisions, the daily operation of the school system, and for keeping the Board informed about school operations and problems.

To guide the superintendent in administering the priorities and policies of the Board, the Board will devote its major effort to clarifying and establishing goals for the school system; adopting policies to guide the professional staff, appraising results achieved in relation to the goals; and to performing such governance functions as required by law and state regulations.

Legal Reference	Annotated Code of Maryland	Education Article	§4-102, §4-204-, § 4-205
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