

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** October 2, 2007

**TO:** **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM:** Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8130 – INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: ORGANIZATION-FORMULATION**

**ORIGINATOR:**

**RESOURCE PERSON(S):**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education approves the changes to Policy 8130. This is the third reading of this policy.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis  
Attachment II – Proposed Policy 8130

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY ANALYSIS**

Revisions to Board of Education Policy 8130  
Internal Board Policies: Organization: Formulation

### Statement of issues or questions to be addressed by the proposed policy

The Board of Education's Policy Review Committee continues its process of revising the Board's internal policies. (8000 Series) The Committee is recommending amendments to Policy 8130 so that it reflects current practices of the Board of Education concerning adoption of curriculum. Additionally, the Board Committee has revised and expanded its statement concerning the significance and purpose of Board Policy. Following discussion at with the full Board, this statement has been expanded.

Additionally, the policy now reflects the Board's commitment to review its policies, to the best of its ability, on a five year cycle. Lastly, the Policy reflects the Committee's use of a new term in policies: "re-adoption." This term shall be used when a policy has been reviewed, but when no revisions have been recommended.

### Fiscal Impact on the school system

No fiscal impact is anticipated or contemplated by this revision.

### Relationship to other Board of Education Policies

This policy establishes the manner in which all policy revisions are presented to the Board.

### Similar Policies adopted by other local school systems

HARFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Policy Number 22-0014-000, *Policy Development and Review*

[http://www.hcps.org/BOE/PoliciesProcedures/docs/School\\_System\\_Governance/0014-000%20Policy%20Development%20and%20Review.pdf](http://www.hcps.org/BOE/PoliciesProcedures/docs/School_System_Governance/0014-000%20Policy%20Development%20and%20Review.pdf)

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Policy 2020 Policy Development and Adoption

<http://www.hcpss.org/board/policies/2020.pdf>

### Legal Requirements, such as federal, state or local laws or regulations

Md. Ed. Art. §4-101 provides that "educational matters that affect the counties shall be under the control of a county board of education in each county" and that "each county board shall seek in every way to control and promote the interests of the schools under its jurisdiction."

Md. Ed. Art., §4-108 provides that "[e]ach county board shall . . . "determine, with the advice of the county superintendent, the educational policies of the county school system."

*A draft of the proposed policy*

See attached

*Other alternatives that were considered by the Board members*

The Board Committee, following discussion with the full board, revised its “purpose” statement to incorporate discussion at the June Board of Education meeting. However, an “alternative” to the policy was not considered.

*Timeline*

First Reader, April 24, 2007

Citizen Comment, May 8, 2007

Proposed Date of Adoption, October 2, 2007

## INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: Organization

Formulation

## I. PURPOSE

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, representing the people of the county, is, in addition to its many other roles, the legislative body which [determines all questions of general] MAKES policy to be employed by the county's public schools. "Policies" are defined as those principles formally adopted by the Board of Education in order to manage the school system.

The Board shall, to the best of its ability, cause the provisions of state and federal laws and the bylaws and policies of the State Board of Education to be carried out. The Board of Education shall [determine,] with the advice of the county superintendent [, the educational policies of the county and shall prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct and management of the schools.] SET GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR THE SCHOOL SYSTEM THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT, REVISION, AND ADOPTION OF POLICIES TO GUIDE THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND THE MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOL SYSTEM OPERATIONS. UNLESS LEGAL OR REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS DEMAND OTHERWISE, THE BOARD SHALL TO THE BEST OF ITS ABILITY, REVIEW ITS POLICIES WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF ADOPTION, AMENDMENT OR RE-ADOPTION.

[Course of study, revised courses, required methods of teaching, and any significant program to be tested in one or more schools for the purpose of being considered for use system-wide shall be approved by the Board of Education prior to implementation or discontinuance.]

## II. PROCEDURE

A. [1.] The Board may request or receive a policy analysis from the superintendent on revisions to existing policies or on the need for a new policy.

[2.]1. All policy analyses will include the following elements:

- a. Statement of issues or questions addressed by the proposed policy;
- b. Where appropriate, cost analysis and fiscal impact on school system;

- c. Relationship to other Board of Education policies;
  - d. Legal requirements, such as federal, state, or local laws or regulations;
  - e. Similar policies adopted by other local school systems;
  - f. A draft of the proposed policy[;], AND
  - g. Other alternatives that were considered by staff.
- [3.] B. The policy analysis will be presented to the Board as an item for discussion.
- [4.] C. If limited revisions to existing policies are necessary, the superintendent will present the proposed changes to the Board with an accompanying rationale. There shall be no need for a policy analysis.
- [5.] D. When a board member or the superintendent presents a proposed policy, a time line for adoption will accompany the policy, and will include, where appropriate:
- [a.] 1. Opportunity for citizen comment;
  - [b.] 2. Opportunity for superintendent and staff to provide advice and recommendations;
  - [c.] 3. Proposed date of adoption.
- [6.] E. The superintendent shall, where necessary, develop administrative rules for the implementation of the Board's policies. Such rules will be presented to the Board for information purposes, but do not require an affirmative vote of the Board.
- [7.] F. Following discussion, the Board shall adopt policies, in public session, and such adoption shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board.

Related Policies: 8140 – Formulation of Administrative Regulations

Policy	Board of Education of Baltimore County
Adopted:	4/13/72
Revised:	7/13/78
Revised:	10/8/96
Revised:	12/4/01
REVISED:	