It is expected that the Superintendent and administrators will need to issue regulations implementing policies of the School Committee. Many of these will be routine from year to year; others will arise in special circumstances; some will be drawn up under specific directions from the School Committee.

The School Committee may review the regulations developed by the Superintendent for the school system prior to their issuance, but it will revise or veto such regulations only when, in the School Committee's judgment, they are inconsistent with policies adopted by the School Committee.

The School Committee will not officially approve regulations except as required by state law or in cases when strong opinions from community, staff, or students make it necessary or advisable for a regulation to have the School Committee's advance approval.

All regulations shall be considered in the same light as state laws and regulations, and shall be administered by the Superintendent as the "Executive Officer" of the School Committee.

Under Massachusetts' law, the Superintendent is required to publish "rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct of teachers or students which have been adopted." The regulations do not become effective until filed with the Commissioner of Education. Standards of conduct will be included in staff and student handbooks. These handbooks will be reviewed and approved annually by the School Committee.

Massachusetts General Law References:

M.G.L. 71:37H – Publication of School Committee Rules and Regulations Relative to the Conduct of Teachers and Students

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