

# LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPERATIONAL GOALS

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### I. BACKGROUND

The School Committee is responsible to the citizens of Lexington for the quality of the school system. The Committee's current decisions will influence the course of education in our schools for years to come. The Committee and each of its members must look to the future and to the needs of all people more than the average citizen finds necessary. This requires a comprehensive perspective and long-range planning in addition to attention to immediate problems.

### II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The School Committee's primary responsibility is to establish those purposes, programs, and procedures that will best produce the educational achievement needed by our students. The committee is charged with accomplishing this while also being responsible for wise management of resources available to the school system. The committee must fulfill these responsibilities by functioning primarily as a legislative body to formulate and adopt policy, by selecting an executive officer to implement policy, and by evaluating the results. It must carry out its functions openly, while seeking the comments of public, students, and staff in its decision making processes.

**NOTE:** This category is for goals the School Committee sets for its own operations in contrast to goals set for the school system, instruction, etc. The policy may relate to the process of goal setting or may set forth the operational goals established, as in the policy above.

### III. APPLICATION

In accordance with these principles, the School Committee, through its operations, will seek to achieve the following goals:

1. To concentrate the Committee's collective effort on its policy-making, monitoring and planning responsibilities.
2. To formulate committee policies that best serve the educational interests of each student.
3. To provide the Superintendent with sufficient and adequate guidelines for implementing committee policies.
4. To maintain effective communication with the public the Committee serves and with staff and students in order to maintain awareness of attitudes, opinions, desires, and ideas.

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5. To evaluate annually the achievement of School Committee goals and objectives, the successful completion of those goals and objectives, and review the resources allocated to accomplish them.

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