

RATIONALE:

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

It is the intent of the Melrose School Committee to develop policies and put them in writing so that they serve as guidelines and goals for the successful and efficient functioning of the public schools.

The Committee considers policy development its chief function, along with appraisal of the result achieved through its policies.

It is through the development and adoption of written policies that the committee shall exercise its leadership in the operation of the school system; it is through study and evaluation of reports concerning the execution of its written policies that the committee shall exercise its authority over school operations.

It is the Committee's intention that its written policies serve as guides for the discretionary action of those to whom it delegates authority and as a source of information and guidance for all persons who are interested in, and affected by, the school system.

Changes in needs, conditions, purposes, and objectives will require revisions, deletions, and additions to the policies of past, present, and future committees, thus policy development is an ongoing process.