

**Linn Benton Lincoln  
Education Service District**

Code: **BF**  
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## **Policy Development**

The Board has the authority and responsibility to establish policy. The Board accepts the definition of policy set forth by the National School Boards Association.

Board policies are statements which set forth the purposes and prescribe in general terms the organization and program of the ESD. They create a framework within which the Superintendent and his/her staff can discharge their assigned duties with positive direction. They tell what is wanted.

The formulation and adoption of policies, recorded in writing, will constitute the basic method by which the Board will exercise its leadership in the operation of the ESD. The policies and administrative procedures shall constitute the template for the operation of the ESD and the office of the Superintendent.

The policies shall be consistent with Oregon Revised Statutes, Oregon Administrative Rules and all federal laws and regulations.

The basic responsibility for initiating, reviewing and recommending new policies or policy modification will rest with the Superintendent. However, new policies or changes in existing policy may be proposed to the Superintendent or Board Chair for the Board to consider by any Board member, group or organization, staff member, component district, parent or student or other member of the district. The Superintendent, in developing these policies, may be guided by the recommendations of the staff and may seek parent and community input during the preparation and subsequent review of policy statements. Advice from legal counsel may be appropriate.

The Superintendent will furnish necessary background information to the Board and make recommendations on new policies and on policy changes. Adoption and revision of policy will be made in accordance with LBL Board Policy BFC. The final authority and responsibility for Board policy lies with the Board.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 334.125\(7\)](#)

[OAR 581-024-0240](#)

**Cross Reference(s):**

BFC – Adoption and Revision of Policies

BFD - Board Policy Implementation