

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPERATIONALGOALS

The School Committee is responsible to all of the people for whose benefit the School Department has been established. Current School Committee decisions will influence the course of education in Windham schools for years to come. By virtue of this responsibility and influence, the School Committee and each of its members must look to the future and consider the needs of all people. School Committee members must have a comprehensive perspective as they make long-range plans, as well as attend to immediate problems.

The School Committee's primary responsibility is to establish those purposes, programs, and procedures which will produce the best educational achievement by Windham students. The School Committee is further charged with responsibility for wise management of resources available to the School Department. The School 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. Further, it must carry out its functions openly, seeking the involvement and contributions of the public, students, and staff in its decision-making processes.

In accordance with these principals, the School Committee will seek to achieve the following goals:

- A. To work in a spirit of harmony and cooperation for the betterment of the public educational system in our community;
- B. To concentrate the School Committee's collective effort on its policy making and planning responsibilities.
- C. To provide the Superintendent with sufficient and adequate guidelines for implementing School Committee policies;
- D. To formulate a sound fiscal policy in the interest of fiscal economy;
- E. To evaluate continually School Department educational goals and their implementation in the schools; and
- F. To maintain open and effective communication with the public served by the schools and with staff and students in order to maintain awareness of attitudes, opinions, desires, and ideas.

Legal Reference: Title 20A MRS A SEC 1001

Cross Reference: Evaluation of School Committee Operational Procedures (AFA)

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