

APPROVAL OF HANDBOOKS AND DIRECTIVES

The law directs that in each school building containing the Grades 9 to 12, inclusive, the Principal, in consultation with the School Council, shall prepare and distribute to each student a handbook setting forth the rules pertaining to conduct of the students. The School Council shall review the handbook each Spring and consider changes in the disciplinary policy to take effect in September.

It is essential that the contents of all handbooks conform to Attleboro School Committee policies. It is also important that all handbooks bearing the name of the Attleboro School System or one of its schools be of a quality that reflects credit on the School Department. Therefore, the Committee expects handbooks requiring approval to be approved prior to publication by the Committee and/or Superintendent.

School Committee approval will be necessary for any handbooks that pertain to required standards of conduct for employees or students so that their contents may be accorded the status of Committee-approved policy or regulation. The Superintendent will use his/her judgment to whether other specific handbooks need Committee approval; however, all handbooks will be made available to the Committee for informational purposes.

Source: MASC July 2016

Legal Reference:

- M.G.L. 71:37H

Note: Refer to Policy Coded BGD for another example of how School Committees incorporate the requirements of M.G.L. 71:37H into policy statements.