

THE ROLE OF POLICY

CODE A-1

Policy

It is the intent of the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Board and its member district boards to outline direction and goals for the successful consistent and efficient operation of the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and its member districts through the adoption of policies.

Background

Policy development is the board's most important responsibility and is specified in 16 V.S.A. §563(1). Policies of the supervisory union and its member districts will be in compliance with Vermont law and federal statutes as well as state and federal regulations. These policies will also reflect and be consistent with educational objectives, procedures, and practices which are generally accepted in the public education field.

Definitions

Policies describe the direction the Board, with input from its community, has outlined for the Supervisory Union and its member districts. They provide a guide for action by the administration. Policies should serve, also, to inform and guide all people interested in or connected with the Supervisory Union and its member districts.

Policies chart a course of action. They outline what is wanted; they may include why and how much and should always indicate the person responsible for implementing the policy. Policies should be broad enough to indicate a course of action for the administration to follow in meeting most situations; narrow enough to give clear guidance.

Procedures (also referred to as rules or regulations) are the specific directions that indicate exactly how school personnel and others will carry out the policies adopted by the Supervisory Union Board and its member districts. Procedures should be developed by supervisory union administrators and may be reviewed by the supervisory union board and its member district boards. They may change more frequently than the underlying policy and do not require adoption by the Board(s).

Legal Reference(s): 16 V.S.A. §563 (1) (Powers of school boards)

Cross Reference: Policy Development and Adoption (A2)

Policy Dissemination, Administration & Review (A3)

	Date Adopted	Replaces Policy
Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union	5/26/2008	None
Ira Town School District	Follows RSWSU	None
Middletown Springs Town School District	8/10/06	None
Poultney Town School District	12/15/09	None
Tinmouth Town School District	4/10/2006	None
Wells Town School District	4/12/06	None