

**GURNEE SCHOOL DISTRICT 56
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY MANUAL
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General School Administration

Goals and Objectives

The Superintendent directs the administration in order to manage the School District and to facilitate the implementation of a quality educational program in alignment with Board policy 1:30, *School District Philosophy*. Specific goals and objectives are to:

1. Effectively and efficiently manage the District's programs and buildings,
2. Provide educational expertise,
3. Develop and maintain channels for communication between the school and community,
4. Develop an administrative procedures manual implementing Board of Education policy,
5. Skillfully manage the District's fiscal and business activities,
6. Plan, organize, implement, and evaluate educational programs, and
7. Meet or exceed student performance and academic improvement goals established by the Board of Education.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-16.7, 5/10-21.4, and 5/10-21.4a.

CROSS REF.: 1:30 (School District Philosophy), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the Board of Education), 2:130 (Board Superintendent Relationship), 3:40 (Superintendent), 3:50 (Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent), 3:60 (Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives)

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General School Administration

Chain of Command

The Superintendent shall develop an organizational chart indicating the channels of authority and reporting relationships for school personnel. These channels should be followed, and no level should be bypassed except in unusual situations.

All personnel should refer matters requiring administrative action to the responsible administrator, and may appeal a decision to a higher administrative officer. Whenever possible, each employee should be responsible to only one immediate supervisor. When this is not possible, the division of responsibility must be clear.

CROSS REF.: 1:20 (District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements), 2:140 (Communications To and From the Board), 3:70 (Succession of Authority), 8:110 (Public Suggestions and Complaints)

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General School Administration

Superintendent

Duties and Authority

The Superintendent is the District's executive officer and is responsible for the administration and management of the District schools in accordance with Board of Education policies and directives, and State and federal law. District management duties include, without limitation, preparing, submitting, publishing, and posting reports and notifications as required by State and federal law. The Superintendent is authorized to develop administrative procedures and take other action as needed to implement Board policy and otherwise fulfill his or her responsibilities. The Superintendent may delegate to other District staff members the exercise of any powers and the discharge of any duties imposed upon the Superintendent by Board of Education policies or by Board vote. The delegation of power or duty, however, shall not relieve the Superintendent of responsibility for the action that was delegated.

Qualifications

The Superintendent must be of good character and of unquestionable morals and integrity. The Superintendent shall have the experience and the skills necessary to work effectively with the Board of Education, District employees, students, and the community. The Superintendent shall have a valid administrative certificate with the superintendent endorsement issued by the State Certification Board.

Evaluation

The Board of Education will evaluate, at least annually, the Superintendent's performance and effectiveness, using standards and objectives developed by the Superintendent and Board that are consistent with the Board's policies and the Superintendent's contract. A specific time should be designated for a formal evaluation session with all Board of Education members present. The evaluation should include a discussion of professional strengths as well as performance areas needing improvement.

The Superintendent shall annually present evidence of professional growth through attendance at educational conferences, in-service training, or similar continuing education pursuits.

Compensation and Benefits

The Board of Education and the Superintendent shall enter into an employment agreement that conforms to Board policy and State law. This contract shall govern the employment relationship between the Board of Education and the Superintendent. The terms of the Superintendent's employment agreement, when in conflict with this policy, will control.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-16.7, 5/10-20.46, 5/10-21.4, 5/10-23.8, 5/21-7.1, 5/24-11, and
5/24A-3.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.310 and 29.130.

CROSS REF: 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the Board of Education), 2:130 (Board-
Superintendent Relationship), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 3:10 (Goals
and Objectives)

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General School Administration

Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent

Duties and Authority

The Board of Education establishes District administrative and supervisory positions in accordance with the District's needs and State law and regulations. The general duties and authority of each administrative or supervisory position are approved by the Board of Education, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, and contained in the respective position's job description. In the event of a conflict, State law and/or the administrator's employment agreement shall control.

Qualifications

All administrative personnel shall be appropriately certificated and shall meet all applicable requirements contained in State law and Illinois State Board of Education rule.

Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall evaluate all administrative personnel and make employment and salary recommendations to the Board of Education.

Administrators shall annually present evidence to the Superintendent of professional growth through attendance at educational conferences, additional schooling, in-service training, and Illinois Administrators' Academy courses, or through other means as approved by the Superintendent.

Administrative Work Year

The work year for administrators shall be stated in the employment agreement. All administrators shall be available for work when their services are necessary.

Compensation and Benefits

The Board of Education will consider the Superintendent's recommendations when setting compensation for individual administrators. These recommendations should be presented to the Board of Education no later than the March Board of Education meeting or at such earlier time that will allow the Board to consider contract renewal and nonrenewable issues.

Unless stated otherwise in individual employment contracts, all benefits and leaves of absence available to teaching personnel are available to administrative personnel.

LEGAL REF: 105 ILCS 5/10-21.4a, 5/21-7.1, 5/24A-1, 5/24A-3, and 5/24A-4.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.310.

CROSS REF: 3:60 (Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:250 (Leaves of Absence)

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General School Administration

Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, employs Building Principals as the chief administrators and instructional leaders of their assigned schools. The primary responsibility of a Building Principal is the improvement of instruction. Each Building Principal shall perform all duties as described in The School Code as well as such other duties as specified in his or her employment agreement or as agreed upon by the Building Principal and Superintendent.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a principal evaluation plan that complies with Section 24A-15 of The School Code. Using that plan, the Superintendent or designee shall evaluate each Building Principal. The Superintendent or designee may conduct additional evaluations.

The Board of Education and each Building Principal shall enter into an employment agreement that conforms to Board policy and State law. The terms of an individual employment contract, when in conflict with the evaluation plan or this policy, will control.

LEGAL REF.: 10 ILCS 5/4-6.2.
105 ILCS 5/2-3.53a, 5/10-20.14, 5/10-21.4a, and 5/24A-15.
105 ILCS 127/1 et seq.

CROSS REF.: 3:50 (Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent), 5:250 (Leave of Absence)

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General School Administration

Succession of Authority

If the Superintendent, Building Principal, or other administrator is temporarily absent, the succession of authority and responsibility of the respective office shall follow a succession plan, developed by the Superintendent and approved by the Board of Education.

CROSS REF.: 1:20 (District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements), 3:30
(Chain of Command)

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General School Administration

Administrative Procedure - Succession Plan

If the Superintendent, Building Principal, or other administrator is temporarily absent, the succession of authority and responsibility of the respective office shall be as stated below. If the first person on the succession list is unavailable, the second person shall be the responsible person and so on in order through the list. The designated individual shall communicate with the School Board President in cases of importance and/or emergency.

Superintendent

Building Principal
