

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

POLICY 2121

LINE OF RESPONSIBILITY

The board of education shall operate under a unit control system headed by the superintendent.

The authority of the board of education is transmitted through the superintendent along specific paths from person to person as shown in the organization chart of the school district. The lines of authority represent direction of authority and responsibility. The lines are those approved by the board of education and are intended to establish clear understanding on the part of all personnel of the working relationships in the school system.

Personnel are expected to refer matters requiring administrative action to the administrator to whom they are responsible. Personnel are expected to keep the person to whom they are immediately responsible informed of their activities by appropriate means.

Key words:

Unit control, Dual Control, Line of Authority, Organization Chart

Other Reasons:

Common sense requires that the board clearly indicate whether the district is unit or dual control. "Unit control" means that the superintendent is the chief executive officer and supervises all function of the district, including financial. "Dual control" means that the superintendent and the board secretary/business official supervise separate functions, and both report directly to the board.

Since the Superintendent Tenure Law of 1991, only district with superintendents tenured prior to that law can maintain dual control. When a tenured superintendent is replaced by a nontenured superintendent, the district automatically becomes unit control.

Recommendation:

A policy that clearly defines the district as unit or dual control and sets out general lines of authority and responsibility.

The organization chart may be included as an exhibit.

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Legal References:

<i>N.J.S.A. 18A: 7a-5</i>	<i>Major elements, guidelines</i>
<i>N.J.S.A. 18A: 11-1</i>	<i>General mandatory powers and duties</i>
<i>N.J.S.A. 18A: 17-5 through -14.3</i>	<i>Secretaries and assistant secretaries; school business administrators...</i>
<i>N.J.S.A..18A:17-15 through -24</i>	<i>Superintendents and assistant superintendents of schools....</i>
<i>N.J.S.A.. 18A:54-20</i>	<i>Powers of board (county vocational schools)</i>
<i>N.J.A.C. 6:3-2.1</i>	<i>Superintendent defined</i>
<i>N.J.A.C. 6:8-3.2</i>	<i>Staffing</i>
<i>N.J.A.C. 6:11-9.3</i>	<i>Authorization</i>
<i>N.J.A.C. 6:11-9.7</i>	<i>School business administrator</i>

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