



WELCOME TO

THE KASC SBDM POLICY KIT

Our goal for Kentucky school councils is proficiency. One way councils can work toward proficiency is to develop policies that are legal, clear, practical, and wise. In turn, sound policies improve teaching and learning, thus boosting student achievement. This policy kit will help your council work toward proficiency by providing guidance in writing and revising policies.

POLICY INVENTORY

To start your work, you will want to use our policy inventory. It will let you see quickly what work you've accomplished, and what remains to be done. We've indicated on the inventory that all but four policies should be assigned to the SBDM committees so that they do almost all of the draft policy work. This leaves the council free to focus on their main role of improving student achievement.

SAMPLE POLICIES

We have included sample policies in the kit for all policies required by law plus ten sample "best practice" policies. Best practice policies are defined as those policies that involve SBDM responsibilities for which the law does not require a policy but having these policies in place ensures that these issues are handled in consistent and legal ways.

CD

On the CD included with this kit, you will find the inventory tool and the complete set of sample policies, as well as additional checklists. One of these checklists is general and should be applied to all policies and the other has sections for specific policies. Both will help you craft policies that are legal, clear, practical, and wise.

FACILITATION

Finally, we would like to offer help in the form of facilitation. If you would like some additional guidance and support with policy work, we have consultants who can come to your school to work with your council and/or committees. All you have to do is contact us at:

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