



ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION
OF SCHOOL BOARDS

Policy Services

The IASB Policy Services staff thanks you for your support of our work with Illinois public school districts.

Our Philosophy

IASB Policy Services provides member school boards with staff, services, and tools to assist them with their policy needs. Our philosophy is to help boards develop and maintain a local board policy manual that goes beyond legal compliance and toward excellence in local school governance. The IASB Foundational Principles of Effective Governance, found in the IASB School Board Governance Basics document at www.iasb.com/training/schoolboardgovernance_booklet.pdf, provide the basis for our governance and policy work with school boards.

The Role of an IASB Policy Consultant

Our policy staff works with districts to develop and update their board policy and administrative procedures manuals. Our staff serves as consultants to the board and district staff. Ultimately, all decisions about policy and procedure content are made by the board or district staff, as appropriate.

What We Tell Policy Clients

We encourage our policy clients to advise their counsel of any new policy development. The nature and scope of legal review should be determined by the board, through the superintendent, and the attorney who represents the District.

Partnering with Local Counsel

We appreciate your feedback on our sample policies and procedures, on our policy development process and any of our services. Our goal is continuous improvement of all of our policy services. Please contact Cathy A. Talbert, Associate Executive Director, Field Services and Policy Services any time at 630/629-3776, ext. 1234, or at ctalbert@iasb.com, or contact any of our policy services consultants who are working with one of your clients.