

PHILOSOPHY-GOALS-COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

SUBJECT: Concepts and Roles

The Riverside County Board of Education is the governing board for the Riverside County Office of Education, and derives its authority and exists under the California Constitution, acts of the California Legislature, and the regulations of the California State Board of Education. The Riverside County Office of Education, under the direction and guidance of the Riverside County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools, serves as a responsible liaison and coordinating agency between and among educational and non-educational entities, public and private, at school, district, county regional, state, and federal levels. In addition to its coordinating responsibilities, the Riverside County Office of Education maintains a variety of instructional programs. These include classes for preschool, special education, juvenile court, Regional Occupational Program and pregnant minor students. It is the intent of the Board and the Superintendent that this manual of policies, regulations, and bylaws serve as a guide to accomplish these purposes.

The Riverside County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools believe that public education is of fundamental importance to a free society and for education to succeed, there must be an ongoing partnership between parents/guardians, students, educators, and the community.

Policy-making is a continuous, ongoing process. Policies shall continue to be reviewed, modified, added and deleted as they are found to be necessary and useful in the operation of the organization. It is intended that all policies, regulations, bylaws and procedures be compatible and harmonious with federal, state, and local laws. In the absence of a policy on a specific subject, the existing law shall govern.

To guide the efforts of those participating under the leadership of the Superintendent, the Board adopts the following three definitions for the development of sound and responsible educational policies:

Educational philosophy: "Philosophy" means a composite statement of the relationship between the individual and society based upon beliefs, concepts, and attitudes from which the Goals/Missions and Action Goals of the Riverside County Office of Education are derived.

Educational Goals/Missions: "Goal" means a statement of broad direction or intent which is general and timeless and is not concerned with a particular achievement within a specified time period. Educational goals, for all intents and purposes, are the Mission statements of the Riverside County Office of Education.

Action Goals: A set of goals specifying high priority areas for attention in the immediate future. These Action Goals are formulated and revised through a joint Riverside County Office of Education Cabinet and Board study session held each fall.

This manual is intended for utilization by employees of the County Office of Education, school district personnel, and others who are involved with the organization. This manual is divided into two volumes. Volume II, Employment Reference Materials, contains current bargaining unit agreements, Confidential Employee Handbook, Supervisory Employee Handbook, and Management Employee Handbook.

Legal Reference:

Education Code

- 1040 - 1042 - Duties and Powers of Boards
- 1080 et seq. - Duties that may be transferred
- 1240 et seq. - Duties of county superintendents
- 35160 - 35160.1 - Expanded Authority of County Board of Education and Superintendent
- 51002 - Development of Local Programs within Guidelines
- 51004 - Education Goals
- 51019 - Definition: Philosophy
- 51020 - Definition: Goal
- 51021 - Definition: Objective
- 51041 - Educational Program