

**ROLE OF THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

The District Board of Directors, in recognition of the important role of the school principal, adopts as District policy the following statement. For purposes of this policy, the term "principal" shall include assistant principals and vice principals.

The principal is considered as a key administrator in the organizational structure of the District. The position is recognized as one of executive educational leadership. The principal has the responsibility and commensurate authority to administer the school within the policies and regulations established for the District.

The Board remains the vested authority for the establishment of policy for the District. It is exceedingly important, in the process of decision making in the District, that the principal be a vital member of the District's management team and be directly and deeply involved in any process of decision making that leads to the establishment of policy either through administrative channels or through negotiations. This places the principal in a key position in the creation of District policies, regulations and guidelines.

The District Board of Directors shall employ through written contract public school principals who shall hold valid supervisory or administrative credentials and certificates and who shall supervise the operation and management of the schools and property as the Board and the Superintendent shall determine necessary.

The principal shall submit recommendations to the Superintendent regarding appointment, assignment, promotion, transfer and dismissal of all personnel assigned to the school for which the principal is responsible.

The principal shall submit recommendations to the Superintendent regarding the fiscal needs to maintain and improve the instructional program of the attendance area for which he/she is responsible. The principal shall also submit recommendations for the physical needs of the facility.

The principal shall assume administrative authority, responsibility and instructional leadership, under the supervision of the Superintendent and in accordance with the policies of the Board for the planning, management, supervision and evaluation of the educational program of the school for which the principal is responsible.



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