



**MOBILE COUNTY PUBLIC
SCHOOL SYSTEM
POLICY BOOK**

**CHAPTER 1:
GOVERNING PRINCIPLES**

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SCHOOL SYSTEM LEGAL STATUS

The public schools of Mobile County are under the direction of the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County. The board was created by special act of the Alabama legislature in 1826. The school system encompasses the entire County of Mobile and is operated and administered in accordance with applicable federal law, the Alabama Constitution of 1901, state laws, State Board of Education regulations and board approved policies.

EDUCATIONAL MISSION

The board's comprehensive goal is to provide excellent educational opportunities to students and assist in the development of responsible citizens able to live productive lives in a democratic society.

Graduates of the Mobile County Public School System will have attained a firm command of the skills needed for everyday living and a thorough understanding of our collective heritage, thereby preparing themselves as productive citizens, healthy adults, concerned family members and independent thinkers in a highly technological society. Students also will develop the capacity to appreciate and participate in leisure activities on a lifetime basis.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The primary and continuous goal of the school system is to provide the resources, facilities, and personnel needed to offer each student an excellent educational opportunity.

The board shall support those educational philosophies and procedures needed to promote an adequate educational system for the community. The board will adopt a mission statement, specific goals, and objectives for the public schools of Mobile County to meet the educational needs of the students and community. These will be formulated cooperatively by, and communicated to, school personnel, parents and students by the superintendent and staff and used to formulate the budget. Subject to board review, the superintendent and staff will develop guidelines to support, encourage, maintain, or improve objectives. Substantial changes or additions to existing guidelines shall be presented to the board for approval before the changes or additions take effect.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING

The board encourages community participation in establishing system goals and initiatives.

Citizens are encouraged to express ideas, concerns, and judgments about the schools to the school administration, the staff, to appointed advisory bodies and the board.

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