## 301 COOPERATIVE ADMINISTRATION

## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the role of the cooperative administration and its relationship with the cooperative board.

## II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. Effective administration and sound management practices are essential to realizing educational excellence. It is the responsibility of the cooperative administration to develop a school environment that recognizes the dignity of each student and employee, and the right of each student to access educational programs and services equitably.
- B. The cooperative board expects all activities related to cooperative operations to be administered in a well-planned manner, conducted in an orderly fashion, and to be consistent with the policies of the cooperative board.
- C. The cooperative board shall seek specific recommendations, background information and professional advice from the cooperative administration, and will hold the administration accountable for sound management of the schools.
- D. Although the cooperative board holds the director ultimately responsible for administration of the cooperative and annual evaluation of each principal, the cooperative board also recognizes the direct responsibility of principals for educational results and effective administration, supervisory, and instructional leadership at the school building level.
- E. The cooperative board and school administration shall work together to share information and decisions that best serve the needs of cooperative students within financial and facility constraints that may exist.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.143 (Superintendent)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.147 (Principals)

**Cross References:** None