

POSITIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

The Maine Legislature has determined that each Superintendent responsible for students in grades 9 to 12 shall establish a “positive action committee” which shall: (1) study the dropout problem, (2) develop a plan for dealing with dropouts, (3) submit a plan to the School Committee, and (4) meet at least annually to review its plan and to make recommendations to the School Committee.

The School Committee is required: (1) to file its plan with the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, (2) to inform the Department what parts of the plan will become policy, and (3) to inform the Department of any changes the School Committee adopts.

The Maine Legislature has defined “dropout” as any person under the age of 17 who has withdrawn or been expelled from school before graduation and who has not enrolled in another educational institution or program. The Legislature has also directed that public schools should “help those students in need find appropriate alternatives to regular school curricula and should maintain contact with dropouts.

Therefore, a Positive Action Committee is established for the Bangor School Department consisting of the following, each of whom shall serve two-year terms:

1. A member of the Bangor School Committee, selected by the School Committee;
2. An assistant principal of Bangor High School, selected by the Superintendent;
3. The Director of Adult and Community Education;
4. Two teachers or guidance counselors, selected by the Bangor Education Association;
5. Two parents of students enrolled in Bangor High School, selected by the School Committee;

The above designated members shall in turn select the following additional members of the Positive Action Committee:

6. Two students enrolled in Bangor High School;
7. Two recent dropouts;
8. Two residents of Bangor.

The Positive Action Committee shall select a chairman from among its members; the chairman shall not serve continuously for more than two years.



The Positive Action Committee shall be governed by the requirements of Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 5103 and related sections 5101, 5102, and 5104. The Principal of Bangor High School shall ensure that the Positive Action Committee meets at least annually to review its plan and is prepared to make recommendations to the School Committee in May of each year.

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