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## META POLICY

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### **SECTION 1. BEN FRANKLIN ACADEMY**

#### **MISSION**

The mission of Ben Franklin Academy is to develop young adults with character like America's founding Renaissance man, Benjamin Franklin: well-read, scientifically curious, and civically engaged.

#### **VISION**

Our students will excel academically through a challenging, sequenced curriculum that emphasizes math, science, and literacy. We will be a data driven institution, focusing on individual students. Our students, teachers, parents, staff, and leaders will be held accountable for the success of our school. Finally, we recognize that an education is incomplete without fostering the arts, sports, nature, and character.

#### **PURPOSE**

Ben Franklin Academy is committed to operating in an open streamlined manner.

### **SECTION 2. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

The Ben Franklin Academy Board of Directors (the "Board") shall be solely responsible for adopting, repealing or amending policies for Ben Franklin Academy (the "Academy"). Action by the Board shall be accomplished as set forth in the bylaws.

Proposals for adopting, repealing or amending policies for the Academy may be made in writing by any member of the Board of Directors or by any parent submitted through the method(s) prescribed in the Parent Communication Policy.

### **SECTION 3. POLICY MAKING PROCEDURE**

Except in cases of emergencies, the Board shall follow the following procedure in adopting, repealing or amending policies for the Academy:

#### **FIRST READING**

The proposed policy shall be submitted for approval on first reading at a regular or special meeting of the Board called for that purpose. The proposed policy shall be contained in the Board packet distributed prior to the meeting.

#### **SECOND READING**

If the proposed policy is approved on first reading as set forth in paragraph, it will be placed on the agenda and considered at the next ensuing regular or special meeting of the Board called for that purpose. No amendment of the proposed policy first introduced at

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the second reading shall be adopted at the second reading unless the amendment receives approval by a two-thirds vote of the directors present at the meeting. However, if the proposed policy remains in the same form that was approved in the first reading, it shall be adopted if it receives approval by a simple majority of the directors present at the meeting. If the proposed policy is adopted upon second reading, it shall become a policy of Ben Franklin Academy, and the Policy Manual shall be amended accordingly.

**SECTION 4. EMERGENCIES**

Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the directors present at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose, an emergency may be declared. If an emergency is declared, a policy may be adopted on first reading.

**SECTION 5. POLICY REVISIONS**

If applicable, a proposed policy change should reference the policy provision it will be amending. In such a case, and to the extent feasible, the policy should reflect the date of each revision and a summary of the changes made.

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**POLICY HISTORY:**

Original: approved by board XXXXX