

WALLINGFORD- SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: SCHOOL-BASED
MANAGEMENT

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134. SCHOOL-BASED MANAGEMENT	
1. Authority	A system of school-based management shall be established throughout the school district.
2. Definition	School-based management is the application of modern business management theory to the operation of a school system. It attempts to place maximum responsibility for educational planning, accountability, and management of personnel and material resources with the staff in the individual school buildings.
3. Guidelines	<p>School-based management is a system of decentralized educational management providing for a balance between school-level and district-level decision-making authority, responsibility, and accountability; and ensuring that the educational needs of the community and its students are met in the most effective way. The balance is to be maintained by a process of collaborative planning which will permit the principals, teachers, parents, and students to have input into school-based and districtwide decisions. The results of this planning process, including any deviations from existing policies and procedures, must be approved by the Board prior to implementation.</p> <p>The original Plan for School-Based Management developed by a steering committee of teachers and administrators and approved by the Board is intended as a procedural guide in this process and is subject to continuing modification based on ongoing experience in a dynamic process.</p>