
Two-Way Communications Systems Policy 2.301

The Background:

During a comprehensive policy audit and revision process, the staff of the Department of Education and the State Board have identified the Two-Way Communications System Policy as obsolete as most schools no longer use two-way communications systems as part of their emergency preparedness plans.

Per statute (T.C.A. § 49-6-3402) all alternative schools are still required to maintain two-way communications systems. This requirement for alternative schools is incorporated into the State Board's Administrative Rules and Regulations (0520-01-02-.09) to comply with state law.

Given the limited the nature of two-way communications systems and the inclusion of all statutory requirements in State Board rule, the current stand-alone Two-Way Communications System Policy is recommended for repeal. Repeal of this policy will help ensure State Board policies are current and relevant for LEAs.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.