

# Department of Education Policy Advisory Committee

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The Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) assists the Department of Education in the formation, revision, development and implementation of new or existing policy initiatives.

Committee members may be selected by either the department, or in some cases, nominating agencies or bodies who have an interest in being represented on the PAC.

The AYSCBC executive director is a member of the PAC as a representative of school councils. The Catholic Education Association Yukon (CEAY), the Association of Yukon School Administrators (AYSA), the Yukon Teachers' Association (YTA), and various department staff (principals, vice principals, superintendents) are also represented on the PAC

The role of the PAC is to advise, and it does not have decision making authority on the approval of policy. The policy unit of the department prepares meeting packages and sets agendas.

The PAC operates as required during the design and development of new policy initiatives, or the revision of existing initiatives. A member of the policy unit of the department chairs the committee, and wherever possible, decisions made by the PAC will be made by consensus.

Policy work follows an annual work plan that is approved by the department Executive Management Team.

From time to time immediate policy issues come forward that are not on the work plan, and the PAC will be requested to review new or immediate policy initiatives.

The PAC meets once or twice a year when there are policies to be reviewed. There is no Fall 2019 meeting of the committee. The next meeting is tentatively set for Spring 2020.

Department of Education policies are available online at <http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/policies-all.html>.