

## **CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

The Governing Board endorses the concept that parents and community participation in the affairs of schools and the district is essential to maintain mutual confidence and respect while working together to improve the quality of education for all students.

The Board encourages the solicitation of parents/guardians and community input on matters affecting the schools and the district through the establishment of advisory committees and within the following principles:

1. That citizen groups be broadly represented.
2. That recommendations be based on research and facts.
3. That recommendations be submitted to the Board which alone has the authority and responsibility to act upon them.

The Board recognizes that advisory committees enable the Board to better understand the interest and concerns of the community.

The Board shall establish citizen advisory committees when required by law, to strengthen the effectiveness of district and school operations, or to enhance student learning. The purpose of any such committees shall be clearly defined and aligned to the district's vision, mission, and goals. The Board may dissolve an advisory committee not required by law when the committee has fulfilled its duties or at any time the Board deems it necessary. The Board shall approve the membership of citizen advisory committees.

Citizen advisory committees shall serve in an advisory capacity; they may make recommendations, but their actions shall not be binding on the Board or Superintendent.

Recommendations will be given careful consideration. In the evaluation of such contributions, the first concern will be for the educational program as it affects students. The final decision may depart from the recommendations when in the judgment of the staff and Board such advice is not consistent with goals adopted by the Board, current educational practice, or within the financial resources available.

The membership of citizen advisory committees should reflect the diversity of the community and represent a diversity of viewpoints.

Citizen advisory committee membership is a one-year term. Applicants may not serve on more than three committees, unless it is approved by the Board and/or Superintendent. The Citizen Advisory Committee application timeline shall be established by the Board President and/or Superintendent.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training and information, as necessary, to enable committee members to understand the goals of the committee and to fulfill their role as committee members.

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Within budget allocations, the Superintendent or designee may approve requests for committee travel and may reimburse committee members for expenses at the same rates and under the same conditions as those provided for district employees.

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

8070 Career technical education advisory committee 11503  
Parent involvement program  
15278-15282 Citizens' oversight committee  
15359.3 School facilities improvement districts  
17387-17391 Advisory committees for use of excess school facilities 35147  
School site councils and advisory committees  
41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant  
41570-41573 School and Library Improvement Block Grant 44032  
Travel expense payment  
52176 Advisory committees, limited-English proficient students program  
52852 Site council, school-based program coordination  
54425 Advisory committees, compensatory education  
54444.1-54444.2 Parent advisory councils, services to migrant children  
56190-56194 Community advisory committee, special education  
62002.5 Continuing parent advisory committees

#### REPEALED EDUCATION CODE FOR CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS

52012 School site council

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

810.2 Tort claims act, definition employee  
810.4 Tort claims act, definition employment  
815.2 Injuries by employees within scope of employment  
820.9 Members of local public boards not vicariously liable  
6250-6270 California Public Records Act  
54950-54963 Brown Act

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751 Note Local wellness policy

#### COURT DECISIONS

Frazer v. Dixon Unified School District, (1993) 18 Cal.App.4th 781