



School-Site Councils

(1) Statement of Purpose.

Schools play a critical role in preparing students to thrive in and improve the world, and we serve students best when we work in collaboration with parents and community partners.

The Board encourages and supports the development of innovative strategies and program designs that target the unique needs of students in each school community and that can be used in other school communities. Through the collaborative efforts of teachers, classified employees, principals, family members, students, and community members, schools benefit from broad school-based participation in planning for school improvement.

(2) School Site Councils

(a) The purpose of 21st Century Schools Councils (Site Councils) is to increase student achievement. In compliance with the Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century, each school will have a Site Council.

(b) The duties of each Site Council shall include:

1. The improvement of the school's instructional program;
2. The development of plans to improve the professional growth of the school's staff;
3. The development and coordination of plans for the implementation of programs covered under the Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century at the school site;
4. The administration of grants-in-aid for the professional development of teachers and classified district employees;
5. Fostering family involvement in the schools.

(c) Unless the Board of Education determines a different composition is needed at a particular school, each Site Council shall be comprised of the following members:

(A) Not more than half of the members shall be licensed educators who have been elected by the licensed educators teaching at the school;

(B) Not more than half of the members shall be parents of



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students attending that school who have been selected by the parents of students attending that school);

(C) At least one member shall be a classified employee elected by the classified employees at that school; and

(D) One member shall be the building principal or the principal's designee.

(E) The District may designate other types of members that may include students, business leaders, or members of the community at large (individuals are selected by the Site Council).

(F) Licensed educators and parent members may not compose more than half of the membership of a Site Council.

(c) To accomplish these duties, each Site Council will:

(A) Assist in developing and implementing a process for preparing an annual school improvement plan. The plan should focus on how the school will assist students to achieve the standards established by the state and District;

(B) Create meaningful opportunities annually for school community members to share perspectives and feedback about the school program;

(C) Prioritize student performance goals in accordance with District goals and state standards, including those contained in the Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century;

(D) Develop plans to reach student performance goals utilizing current educational research, professional development of staff focused on research-based effective instructional practices and staff and community input;

(E) Develop and utilize a communication plan for involving the community in planning for school improvement and for informing the community about the plan and its progress; and

Duties of the Site Council Members. Each member of the Schools Council at the local school site has responsibility to:



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Commit to a process of collaboration to support school improvement and increase student achievement;

Learn about the school's instructional program, its curriculum goals and mission, the teaching strategies being used, student achievement test data and issues unique to the local school;

Learn about the Board goals for the District and its expectations for staff and students, as well as the expectations contained in the Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century;

Ensure good communication among all participants in the school; and

Invite and incorporate a variety of diverse viewpoints and prioritize racial equity and social justice in decision making.

Site Council Meetings.

Site Council meetings are open and public meetings and subject to Oregon's Public Meetings Law guidelines.

Legal References: ORS 192.660 - 192.690; OAR 581-020- 0105; OAR 581-020-0115; OAR 581-020-0130; ORS 329.125; ORS 342.608; ORS 329.675 - 329.745; ORS 332.105; ORS 332.107; ORS 332.172

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