

Board Role and Goals

The Board is responsible to the people for whose benefit the district has been established. Further, the Board's current decisions will influence the future course of education in the district's schools. By virtue of this responsibility, the Board and each of its members must look to the future and to the needs of all district residents. This requires a comprehensive perspective and a long-range plan in addition to addressing immediate problems.

The Board's primary responsibility is to establish policies, purposes, and programs that will most effectively result educational achievement. The Board is charged with accomplishing this while also being responsible for wise management of available resources. The Board must fulfill these responsibilities by functioning primarily as a legislative body that formulates and adopts policy, by selecting an executive officer to implement policy, and by evaluating the results. Further, it must carry out its functions openly and seek the involvement of students, staff, and the public during its decision-making processes.

In accordance with these principles, the Board, through its operations, will review and adopt Board goals that align with the following:

1. Concentrate the Board's collective effort on policymaking and planning responsibilities;
2. Formulate Board policies that best serve each student's educational interests;
3. Provide the superintendent with sufficient and adequate guidelines for implementing Board policies;
4. Maintain effective communication with the students, staff, and the public to maintain awareness of attitudes, opinions, desires, and ideas;
5. Conduct Board business openly, soliciting and encouraging broad-based involvement of the students, staff, and the public in the Board's decision-making processes;
6. Assure sound fiscal management of district resources.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)