

<p>Douglas County School District 15</p>

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21st Century Schools Councils

The Board directs the superintendent to encourage community involvement in shared decision making and to foster the collaborative efforts of district personnel, students, parents and community members through 21st Century Schools Councils at each school site.

Additionally, the Board may, as deemed necessary for assisting in the administration of grants or for coordination of districtwide programs, establish 21st Century Schools Councils and/or other special committees at the district level for specific projects or issues.

Membership

Each building council shall consist of employees with a direct connection to the particular school site and such other individuals as provided by statute and as determined by the district. 21st Century Schools Councils shall be formed and structured as follows:

Category	Selection	Number	Term of Office
Teachers, required	Elected by peers	1/K-5	2
	Elected by peers	1/6-12	2
Superintendent, required	Required by Board	1/K-12	Continuous
Parents/guardians, required	Elected by parents of students attending the school	5	2
Board members, optional	Selected by the Board	1	1
Classified staff, required	Elected by peers	1	1
Student body president or designee	N/A	1	1

Terms

Terms shall rotate so no more than one-half of members shall be new each year.

Council Structure

If the Board determines that a school site is unable to fulfill the requirement of the 21st Century Schools Council as outlined in this policy, or if the needs of a school site require a different composition, the Board shall establish the 21st Century Schools Council in a manner that best meets the educational needs of the district.

Meetings

Site council(s) shall meet and make reports and recommendations to the Board.

EXAMPLE:	Site Meetings (September)	Reports to Board (October Meeting)
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Meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the council.

Council Duties

Within the parameters established above, 21st Century Schools Councils shall be responsible for the development of plans to improve the professional growth of the school staff, the improvement of the school's instructional program, the development and coordination of plans for the implementation of programs under ORS Chapter 329 at the school, the administration of grants-in-aid for the professional development of teachers and classified employees as provided for in Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules.

Additional duties shall be set by Board policy.

Limitation of Council Authority

No council shall have the authority to override an action of administrative rule/regulation, administrative decision or Board policy without the approval of the superintendent and the Board, respectively. Council decisions may not abrogate any provision of district collective bargaining agreements, other district contracts or law, except through the waiver process.

Public Meetings Law

21st Century Schools Councils, the duties of which include advising the Board or making decisions on behalf of the Board, shall follow the notice, meeting and record-keeping requirements of the Public Meetings Law.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.660 to -192.690](#)
[ORS 243.650](#)
[ORS 243.782](#)
[ORS 329.125](#)
[ORS 329.704](#)
[ORS 329.788](#)
[ORS 330.080](#)

[ORS 330.083](#)
[ORS 330.115](#)
[ORS 332.172](#)
[ORS 339.333](#)
[ORS 342.513](#)
[ORS 342.521](#)
[ORS 342.545](#)

[ORS 342.553](#)
[ORS 342.608](#)
[ORS 342.610](#)

[OAR 581-020-0105](#)
[OAR 581-020-0115](#)
[OAR 581-020-0130](#)

Cross Reference(s):

KC - Community Involvement in Decision Making