

# Dufur School District 29

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Councils

The Board directs the superintendent to encourage involvement in shared decision making of district personnel, students, parents and community members through:

1. 21st Century Schools Council(s);
2. Special committees for specific projects or problems when warranted.

The district shall establish a 21st Century Schools Council. Membership shall consist of the following:

Membership	Selection Procedure	Number	Term of Office	Requirements
Teachers (not more than half of the members)	Elected by peers	5 (this is more than half)	2 years	shall serve
Classified	Elected by peers	1	2 years	shall serve
Principal or designee	Designee appointed by principal	1	continuous	shall serve
G.S. and H.S. Parents/Guardians (not more than half of the members)	Appointed by parents of student at the site	1	1 year	shall serve
Board member	Selected by the Board	1	1 year	shall serve
Community member(s), other building staff member(s), students	Selected by the council	1	1 year	may serve

### 1. Membership Election Procedures

Elections of teachers and classified employee shall occur on or before January 15 of each year, and a year of service shall be from January 31 to January 31. Each employee group shall present candidates and hold an election.

2. Membership Appointment Procedures

When appointing community member positions, the council shall consider participation in school support groups and projects as qualifications for appointments.

3. Council Structure

The council shall elect a chair. The chair shall plan the meeting agendas with input from the principal or the principal's designee. Minutes of meetings shall be provided to all staff members, to the deputy clerk, superintendent, council members and the Board.

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.

4. 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 and advising the Board in the development of a plan for school safety and student discipline under ORS 339.333. Additional duties shall be set by Board policy.

5. Limitation of Council Authority

The district mission, beliefs, goals, priorities, strategic plan and policies shall continue to be established at the district level and approved by the Board. These establish the guiding framework within which 21st Century Schools Councils will develop school improvement plans.

All 21st Century Schools Council decisions are subject to superintendent and Board review and approval, respectively. 21st Century Schools Council decisions shall not abrogate any provisions of the district's collective bargaining agreements, other Board contracts, Board policy or law, except through the waiver process.

6. 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 recordkeeping requirements of the Public Meetings Law.