

## 21<sup>st</sup> 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 School Councils at each school site.

Additionally, the Board may, as deemed necessary for planning purposes, establish other special committees at the district level for specific projects or issues.

### Building Site Councils

At the school site, 21st Century Schools Councils (building site council) shall be structured as follows:

1. Building site councils shall be composed of district teachers, district classified employees, building principal or designee and parents of students. The size of the council will be no more than three teachers and one classified representative.
  - a. No more than half of the members shall be teachers;
  - b. No more than half will be parents of students attending that school who volunteer their services and are elected by their peers; and
  - c. At least one member shall be a classified employee.

If a site council cannot meet the requirements for composition as described above, the Board may establish a site council membership configuration that best meets the needs of the district.

The Board encourages the building site council to appoint other members such as business members, local school committee members, students and members of the community at large.

2. Teachers, parents and classified employees who serve on a building site council shall be selected by the direct election of peers.

Members shall be selected as follows:

- a. Teachers shall be licensed teachers elected by licensed teachers at the school site;
  - b. Classified employees shall be elected by classified employees at the school site;
  - c. Parents shall be selected by parents of students attending the school;
  - d. Other representatives shall be selected by the council.
3. The duties of the building site council shall be defined in the administrative regulations attached to this policy.

## District Site Councils

A district site council may be established to assist in the administration of grants or in the districtwide coordination of programs:

1. If it is established, the district site council shall be structured in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules.
2. The duties of the district site council shall be set by Board policy(ies).

Site councils may request a waiver of a nonrequired Board policy. Waiver requests must be submitted in writing to the superintendent. The superintendent will submit the waiver request and his/her recommendation to the Board for final approval. Policy waiver requests will be considered based on the district's mission statement, philosophy, Board adopted goals and effective schooling tenets.

All site council decisions are subject to superintendent and Board review and approval respectively. In no case will site councils abrogate any provision of the district's labor agreement or Board policy, unless otherwise waived under the provisions of this policy or law.

Site 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

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### 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](#)