

# Grants Pass School District 7

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## **21st Century Schools Councils\*\***

The overall purpose of shared decision making is to enhance student achievement through both improvement of the instructional program and delivery of support services. Shared decision making is part of site-based decision making. Site-based decision making, through the establishment of 21st Century Schools Councils, provides an opportunity for members of a school community to collaborate, where appropriate, in solving problems, defining goals and shaping direction for an individual school or unit.

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

### **Composition**

1. 21st Century Schools Councils shall be composed of teachers, parents, classified employees and the principal (or the principal's designee) as follows:
  - a. Not more than half of the members shall be teachers;
  - b. Not more than half of the members shall be parents of students attending that school;
  - c. At least one member shall be a classified employee;
  - d. One member shall be the principal or principal's designee;
  - e. In addition, other members may be designated by the Board including, but not limited to, business leaders, students and members of the community-at-large.

### **Selection**

2. Members of the 21st Century Schools Council 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 (or legal guardians) shall be selected by parents of students attending the school, by a process defined by the Board;
  - d. Others shall be selected by the council.

### **Duties**

3. The duties of the 21st Century Schools Council shall include:
  - a. The development of plans to improve the professional growth of the school's staff;
  - b. The improvement of the school's instructional program;
  - c. The development and coordination of plans for the implementation of programs at the school in accordance with Oregon's Educational Act for the 21st Century;

- d. The administration of grants-in-aid for the professional development of teachers and classified employees;
- e. Advising the Board in the development of a plan for school safety and student discipline under ORS 339.333.

The establishment and charge of the 21st Century Schools Councils shall not interfere with the duties, responsibilities and rights of the duly elected Board of Education.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.660 - 192.690](#)  
[ORS 243.650](#)  
[ORS 243.782](#)  
[ORS 329.125](#)  
[ORS 329.675 - 329.745](#)  
[ORS 332.172](#)  
[ORS 339.333](#)  
[ORS 342.513](#)

[ORS 342.545](#)  
[ORS 342.553](#)  
[ORS 342.608](#)  
[ORS 342.610](#)  
[ORS 342.613](#)  
[ORS 342.650](#)

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