

# Helix School District 1R

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## **Oregon 21st Century Schools Program \***

The Helix School Board directs the superintendent/principal to encourage community involvement in shared decision making and to foster the collaborative efforts of District personnel, students, parents and community members through a 21st Century School Council for the District.

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

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

### **COMPOSITION:**

1. 21st Century Schools Council shall be composed of teachers, parents, classified employees and superintendent/principal or 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 the school; c. At least one member shall be a classified employee;
  - d. One member shall be the superintendent/principal or designee;
  - e. In addition, other members may be designated by the Board including, but not limited to, local school committee members, 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 shall be selected by parents of students attending the school; d. Others shall be selected by the council.

### **DUTIES:**

3. The duties of the 21st Century Schools Council shall include, but not be limited to:
  - 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 school improvement 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.

The 21st Century Schools Council decisions are subject to superintendent/principal and Board review and approval respectively. In no case will 21st Century Schools Councils abrogate any provision of the District's labor agreement, district contracts or board policy.

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.

**ORGANIZATION:**

- 4. The 21st Century Schools Council should:
  - a. Establish length of terms on the council;
  - b. Establish staggered terms which maintain continuity of service on the council;
  - c. Select chairman and other officers as necessary; d. Establish time and location of meetings;
  - e. Select a code of conduct;
  - f. Maintain recorded agendas and minutes;
  - g. Determine method of communication to Board, superintendent/principal regarding ongoing council projects.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 243.650](#)  
[ORS 342.553](#)  
[ORS 243.782](#)  
[ORS 329.537 - 329.605](#)  
[ORS 342.513](#)

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

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