

Community Involvement in Decision Making

The Board believes that the best interests of the district are served when citizens and school people work together toward school improvement. Residents of the district should be encouraged to express their desires for the quality of education they wish to have in their district.

Residents of the community shall be encouraged to take an active part in school affairs. Such persons may be invited to act as advisers, individually and in groups as follows:

1. Clarifying the general ideas and attitudes held by our residents regarding schools;
2. Developing broad policies under which the school system is to be managed;
3. Establishing administrative regulations designed to implement the policies;
4. Determining the purposes of courses of study and special services to be provided for students;
5. Evaluating the extent to which these purposes are being achieved by present practices;
6. Giving active assistance to the professional staff in the actual operation of classes and services where the staff deems such aid valuable;
7. Solving a specific problem or set of closely related problems about which the Board must make a decision.

The Board and the staff shall give substantial weight to the advice that they receive from individuals and community groups interested in the schools, especially those individuals and groups that they have invited or created to advise them regarding selected problems. But the Board and staff shall use their own best judgment in arriving at decisions.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.125](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)

Cross Reference(s):

IFCA - 21st Century Schools Councils