

21st Century Schools Councils

Twenty-first Century Schools Councils shall reflect the following:

1. Composition

A 21st Century Schools Council shall be composed of teachers, parents, classified employees, and principals 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 of the building or the principal's designee.
- e. In addition, other members may be as the school district shall designate, including but not limited to local school committee members, business leaders, students, and members of the community at large.
- f. If a school district board determines that a school site is unable to fulfill the requirements of this section or if the needs of a school site require a different composition, the school district board shall establish the 21st Century School Council in a manner that best meets the educational needs of the district.

2. Election

The selection of schools councils members shall occur according to the following guidelines:

- a. Terms shall not exceed three years with rotation of terms to be determined by the site council.
- b. There shall be no term limits; all members are eligible for re-election.
- c. Nominations shall be open for all those eligible persons at the site and include self-nominations.
- d. Teachers shall be licensed teachers elected by licensed teachers at the school site.
- e. Classified employees shall be nominated from and elected by classified employees at the school site.
- f. Parents of students attending the school shall be selected by parents from that school.
- g. Other representatives shall be selected by the council.
- h. Elections shall be held through written secret ballots with one representative from Medford Education Association (MEA), Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA), and the administrator responsible for counting the ballots. Building representatives from the two employee organizations may serve to count ballots if they have not been nominated.

3. Function of Schools Councils

The Schools Councils shall function within the parameters of policy IFCA and IFC-AR. It shall encourage creativity, research based data, and promote improved student learning.

- a. A list of council members, officers, and action teams shall be distributed by the superintendent to the presidents of MEA, OSEA, each schools council chair, and site administrators.
- b. Minutes of all meetings shall be kept by a member of the council who will distribute them to staff and superintendent. The superintendent will distribute minutes to presidents of MEA and OSEA, chairpersons of other schools councils, cabinet, and site administrators.
- c. Decisions of the council shall be made through consensus.
- d. Decisions of the council shall be presented to staff in writing who will accept, reject, or modify them through consensus, except in such instances where a majority vote is required.
- e. All 21st Century Schools Council meetings shall be subject to the open meetings law pursuant to ORS 192.610 to 192.690.
- f. Elect chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary.
- g. Establish agenda.
- h. The council shall determine its own operating procedures.
- i. Encourage involvement of staff members through the appointment of action teams.
- j. Supervise the replacement of council members.

4. Waiver

Requests for waivers of district policies, bargaining agreements, and state laws/regulations shall be completed on the district form and directed to the school board by the superintendent following approval of the administration, OSEA and/or MEA.