

# Oakland School District 1

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## Board-Staff Communications

The Board desires to maintain open channels of communication between itself and the staff. The basic line of communication will, however, be through the superintendent.

### Staff Communications to the Board

All communications or reports to the Board or any Board committee from principals, teachers or other staff members will be submitted through the superintendent. This procedure will not be construed as denying the right of any employee to appeal to the Board from administrative decisions, provided that the superintendent will have been notified of the forthcoming appeal and that it is processed in accordance with the Board's policy on complaints and grievances. Staff members are invited to Board meetings which provide an opportunity to observe the Board's deliberations on matters of staff concern.

### Board Communications to Staff

All official Board communications, policies and directives of staff interest and concern will be communicated to staff members through the superintendent. The superintendent will employ all such media as appropriate to keep staff fully informed of the Board's priorities, concerns and actions.

### Visits to Schools

Individual Board members are encouraged to visit the schools and classrooms of the district. Such visits will be regarded as informal expressions of interest in district affairs and not as "inspections" or visits for supervisory or administrative purposes. Official visits by Board members will be carried on only under Board authorization and with the full knowledge of the superintendent.

END OF POLICY

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#### **Legal Reference(s):**

[OAR 581-022-1720](#)

Anderson v. Central Point Sch. Dist., 746 F.2d 505 (9th Cir. 1984).  
Connick v. Myers, 461 U.S. 138 (1983).

#### **Cross References:**

GBD - Board-Staff Communications  
KK - Visitors to District Facilities