

# Ontario School District 8

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## Advisory Committees to the Board

In an ongoing effort to increase communications with the public and to provide for citizen involvement, the Board may appoint advisory committees to advise them on matters of interest or concern in which the Board believes an exchange of ideas will be of benefit to the district. Such committees will not be appointed on a permanent basis but rather to assist in a particular area of activity.

Recommendations of such committees will be given careful consideration by the Board, but such recommendations will not relieve the Board of its legal responsibility to make final decisions about such matters.

All meetings of advisory committees shall be considered open meetings. The press may attend and report proceedings. Visitors shall sit apart from the committee members and shall speak only when invited to do so by the committee chair.

The composition of advisory committees shall be broadly representative and shall take into consideration the specific tasks assigned to the committee. Appointment of community members to an advisory committee shall be made by the Board; appointment of staff members shall be made by the Board upon recommendation of the superintendent.

The Board shall adopt and provide in writing guidelines for each committee as appropriate which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The service the Board wishes the committee to render and the extent and limitations of its responsibilities;
2. The length of time the committee is being asked to serve;
3. The resources the Board will provide;
4. Approximate dates on which the Board wishes to receive committee reports.

Except as specifically provided by the Board, citizen advisory committees will cease to function when their reports have been received by the Board or when the purposes for which they were established have been accomplished or cease to be relevant.

The Board's responsibility cannot be delegated or surrendered to others. Therefore, all recommendations of an advisory committee must be submitted to the Board for action and must be recognized as advisory in nature.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 192.610](#)

[ORS 192.630](#)

[ORS 294.336](#)

[ORS 329.704](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

OR. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, OR. ATT'Y GENERAL'S MODEL PUBLIC CONTRACT RULES MANUAL (2003).