

Ontario School District 8

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Site Councils

The Board directs the superintendent to encourage community involvement in shared decision-making and to foster the collaborative efforts of district personnel, students, parents, and community members through site councils, district leadership teams, and ad hoc committees.

1. Site Councils at the School

a. Grant Site Councils

If the district applies for and becomes a part of the 21st Century Schools Program and/or receives a grant under School Improvement and Professional Development Program and/or the Beginning Teacher Support Program, building and district site council composition shall be as described by the laws and regulations governing each program and as specified in the program or grant application(s).

b. Mandated Site Councils

The purpose of the site councils shall be to enhance student achievement through:

- (1) Development, implementation and continual improvement of the district's instructional program;
- (2) Development and implementation of plans to improve the professional growth of district staff to support identified areas of program improvement;
- (3) Development and coordination of the implementation of the Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century at the school site.

Site councils shall be structured as follows:

- a. Membership will be composed of teachers, classified employees, building administrators, and parents of students. Other parents and members of the community at large may be appointed by the members of the council:
 - (1) A majority of the council shall be active classroom teachers selected by direct election of their peers;
 - (2) There shall be at least one classified employee on the council selected by direct election of their peers;
 - (3) The principal of the school, or the principal's designee, shall be a member of the site council;
 - (4) The members listed above, in cooperation with the school parent advisory committee, shall appoint parents or guardians of students to serve on the council;

- (5) Community members, board members and others may be appointed by the members of the council.

b. Public Meetings Law

Site 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.

2. District Level Committees

a. District Leadership Team

The purpose of the district leadership team is to:

- (1) Communicate community goals to councils and the Board;
- (2) Review site council plans for consistency with goals, policies, collective bargaining agreements, Oregon administrative rules, and statutes;
- (3) Make recommendations to site councils and the Board;
- (4) Apply for grants calculated to advance the goals of the district and the Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century;
- (5) Report to the community about the goals and activities of the councils and the district leadership team.

b. The district leadership team shall have equal numbers of parents, students, business persons, teachers, retired citizens, Board members, building administrators, district office personnel, and the superintendent:

- (1) Parent representation will serve by appointment by the Board;
- (2) Student(s) will be recommended by the student senate of Ontario High School and appointed by the Board;
- (3) Business persons and retired citizens will serve by appointment by the Board;
- (4) Board representation appointed by Board chair;
- (5) Building administrator, teacher, and office representative as recommended by the leadership team and appointed by the Board.

c. Ad Hoc Committees

In addition to the above, the district may establish additional committees and councils at any time for any purpose. The membership and duties of these committees shall be set by the Board.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.660](#) - 192.690

[ORS 243.650](#)

[ORS 243.782](#)

[ORS 329.125](#)

[ORS 329.675](#) - 329.745

[ORS 332.172](#)

[ORS 339.333](#)

[ORS 342.513](#)

[ORS 342.545](#)

[ORS 342.553](#)

[ORS 342.608](#)

[ORS 342.610](#)

[ORS 342.613](#)

[ORS 342.650](#)

[OAR 581-020-0105](#)

[OAR 581-020-0115](#)

[OAR 581-020-0130](#)

Cross Reference(s):

KC - Community Involvement in Decision Making