

21st Century Schools Councils

The overall purpose of shared decision making is to enhance student achievement through both improvement of the instructional program and delivery of support services.

Shared decision making is part of site-based decision making. It is a process, not an end in itself. Site-based decision making provides an opportunity for members of a school community to collaborate, where appropriate, in solving problems, defining goals and shaping direction for an individual school or unit.

The district encourages the collaborative work of shared decision making. Thus, 21st Century School Councils and/or district site committees are supported.

The establishment and charge of the School Site Council shall not interfere with the duties, responsibilities and rights of the duly elected Board.

The school site council will be structured as follows:

Composition

1. School site councils shall be composed of teachers, parents, classified employees and building administrator or designee:
 - 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 the school;
 - c. At least one member shall be a classified employee;
 - d. One member shall be an administrator;
 - e. In addition, other members may be designated by the Board including, but not limited to, local school committee members, business leaders, students and members of the community-at-large.

Selection

2. Member of the school site council shall be selected as follows:
 - a. Teachers shall be licensed teachers elected by licensed teachers at the school site;
 - b. Classified employees shall be elected by classified employees at the school site;
 - c. Parents shall be selected by parents of students attending the school, by a process to be defined by the administration;
 - d. Others shall be selected by the council.

Organization

Each 21st Century Schools Council should:

1. Establish length of term on term on the council: Must hold an election after two consecutive years of service.
2. Establish staggered terms which maintain continuity of service on the council.
3. Select chairman and other officers as necessary.
4. Establish time and location of meetings.
5. Select a code of conduct or adopt *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* as a code of conduct.
6. Maintain recorded agendas and minutes.
7. Determine method of communication to Board, superintendent regarding ongoing council projects.

Duties

Within the parameters established above, 21st Century Schools Council shall be responsible for the development of plans to improve the professional growth of the school staff, the improvement of the school's instructional program, the development and coordination of plans for improved achievement of all students under ORS Chapter 329 at the school, the administration of grants-in-aid for the professional development of teachers and classified employees as provided for in Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules and advising the Board in the development of a plan for school safety and student discipline under ORS 339.333. Additional duties shall be set by Board policy.

Limitations of Council Authority

The district mission, beliefs, goals, priorities, strategic plan and policies shall continue to be established at the district level and approved by the Board. These establish the guiding framework within which 21st Century Schools Councils will develop school improvement plans.

All 21st Century Schools Council decisions are subject to superintendent and Board review and approval, respectively. 21st Century Schools Council decisions shall not abrogate any provisions of the district's collective bargaining agreements, other Board contracts, Board policy or law, except through the waiver process.

Public Meeting Law

21st Century Schools Council, the duties of which include advising the Board, shall follow the notice, meeting and record keeping requirements of the Public Meetings Law.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.660 to -192.690](#)
[ORS 243.650](#)
[ORS 243.782](#)
[ORS 329.125](#)
[ORS 329.704](#)
[ORS 329.788](#)
[ORS 330.080](#)

[ORS 330.083](#)
[ORS 330.115](#)
[ORS 332.172](#)
[ORS 339.333](#)
[ORS 342.513](#)
[ORS 342.521](#)
[ORS 342.545](#)

[ORS 342.553](#)
[ORS 342.608](#)
[ORS 342.610](#)

[OAR 581-020-0105](#)
[OAR 581-020-0115](#)
[OAR 581-020-0130](#)

Cross Reference(s):

KC - Community Involvement in Decision Making