

## **21st Century Schools Councils**

The Board directs the superintendent to encourage community involvement in shared decision making and to foster collaborative efforts of district personnel, students, parents and community members through 21st Century School Councils.

Additionally, the Board may, as deemed necessary for planning purposes, establish 21st Century School Councils and/or other special committees at the district level for specific projects or issues.

### **Building Site Councils**

At the school site, 21st Century Schools Councils (building site council) shall be structured as follows:

1. Building site councils shall be composed of licensed and classified staff, building administrator or designee and parents of students attending the school. Members of the building site council shall appoint parents or guardians of students attending the school and may appoint representatives of the community-at-large.
  
2. Licensed and classified staff members shall be by elections of peers under the following conditions:  
  
Neither parents nor teachers shall make up a majority of the site council.
  
3. The duties of the building site council shall include but not be limited to, the development and implementation 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 the implementation of programs under the Oregon's Education Act for the 21st Century at the school and the administration of grants-in-aid for the professional development of licensed and classified district employees.

Site councils may request waiver of Board policy. Waiver requests must be submitted in writing to the superintendent. The superintendent will submit the waiver request and his/her recommendation to the Board for final approval. Policy waiver requests will be considered based on the district's mission statement, philosophy, Board-adopted goals and effective schooling tenets.

All site council decisions are subject to superintendent and Board review and approval respectively. In no case will site councils abrogate any provision of the district's labor agreement or Board policy, unless otherwise waived under the provisions of this policy or 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 record keeping requirements of the Public Meetings Law.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 192.660 - 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 342.545](#)  
[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