

## **Community Relations**

### **CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

The Governing Board recognizes that citizen advisory committees enable the Board to better understand interests and concerns of the community. The Board shall establish citizen advisory committees as the need arises or as required by law. The purposes of any such committees shall be clearly defined and aligned to the district's vision and goals.

*(cf. 0000 - Vision)*  
*(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*  
*(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*  
*(cf. 0420.1 - School-Based Program Coordination)*  
*(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)*  
*(cf. 3280 - Sale, Lease, Rental of District-Owned Real Property)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*  
*(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)*  
*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)*  
*(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)*  
*(cf. 6178 - Vocational Education)*  
*(cf. 9130 - Board Committees)*

Citizen advisory committees shall serve in a strictly advisory capacity; they may make recommendations regarding Board policy, but their actions shall not be binding on the Board. The Board may dissolve any advisory committee not required by law when the committee has fulfilled its duties or at any time the Board determines it necessary.

The membership of citizen advisory committees should represent all affected parties. With Board approval, the Superintendent or designee may appoint committee members.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training and information as necessary to enable committee members to understand the basic administrative structure, program processes, and goals of the committee.

Within budget allocations, the Superintendent or designee may approve requests for committee travel and may reimburse committee members for expenses at the same rates and under the same conditions as those provided for district employees.

*(cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)*

The Superintendent or designee may establish advisory committees which shall report to him/her in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

*(cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)*

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### **CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES (continued)**

#### *Legal Reference:*

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

*8070 Career technical education advisory committee*

*11503 Parent involvement program*

*17387-17391 Advisory committees for use of excess school facilities*

*35147 School site councils and advisory committees*

*41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant*

*41570-41573 School and Library Improvement Block Grant*

*44032 Travel expense payment*

*52176 Advisory committees, LEP program*

*52852 Site council, school-based program coordination*

*54425 Advisory committees, compensatory education*

*54444.1-54444.2 Parent advisory councils, services to migrant children*

*56190-56194 Community advisory committee, special education*

*62002.5 Continuing parent advisory committees, schools receiving funds from economic impact aid or bilingual education act*

#### **REPEALED EDUCATION CODE FOR CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS**

*52012 School site council*

#### **GOVERNMENT CODE**

*820.9 Members of local public boards not vicariously liable*

*6250-6270 California Public Records Act*

*54950-54963 Brown Act*

#### **UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42**

*1751 Note Local wellness policy*

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**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**Committee Charge**

When committees are appointed, committee members shall receive written information which includes, but is not limited to:

1. The committee members' names
2. The procedure to be used in the selection of the committee chairperson and other committee officers
3. The name(s) and contact information of staff member(s) assigned to support the work of the committee
4. The goals and specific charge(s) of the committee, including its topic(s) for study
5. The specific period of time that the committee is expected to serve
6. Legal requirements regarding meeting conduct and public notifications
7. Resources available to help the committee perform its tasks
8. Timelines for progress reports and/or final report
9. Relevant Board policies and administrative regulations

**Committees Subject to Brown Act Requirements**

Brown Act requirements pertaining to open meetings, notices, and public participation pursuant to Government Code 54950-54963 shall be complied with by any committee created by formal action of the Governing Board, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Advisory committee established pursuant to Education Code 56190-56194 related to special education

*(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)*

2. Advisory committee established pursuant to Education Code 8070 related to career technical education

*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*

3. Committee established to assist in development of a student wellness policy pursuant to 42 USC 1758b

*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*

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4. Committee established pursuant to Education Code 17387-17391 related to the use or disposition of excess real property

*(cf. 3280 - Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property)*

5. Citizens' oversight committee established to examine the expenditure of general obligation bond or school facilities improvement bond revenues passed with a 55 percent majority of the voters pursuant to Education Code 15278 and 15359.3

*(cf. 7213 - School Facilities Improvement Districts)*

*(cf. 7214 - General Obligation Bonds)*

*(cf. 9130 - Board Committees)*

*(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)*

*(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)*

*(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)*

*(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)*

**Committees Not Subject to Brown Act Requirements**

The following committees shall comply with procedural meeting requirements established in Education Code 35147:

1. Parent advisory committee and English learner parent advisory committee established pursuant to Education Code 52063 to review and comment on the local control and accountability plan

*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*

2. School site councils established pursuant to Education Code 65000-65001 to develop and approve a school plan for student achievement

*(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*

3. District or school advisory committees established pursuant to Education Code 52176 related to programs for English learners

*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)*

4. School advisory committees established pursuant to Education Code 54425(b) related to compensatory education

*(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)*

5. Any district advisory committee established pursuant to Education Code 54444.2 related to migrant education programs

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*(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)*

6. School committees established pursuant to Education Code 11503 related to parent involvement

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

Meetings of the above councils or committees shall be open to the public, and any member of the public shall have the opportunity to address the council or committee during the meeting on any item within its jurisdiction. Notice of the meeting shall be posted at the school site or other appropriate accessible location at least 72 hours before the meeting, specifying the date, time, and location of the meeting and containing an agenda that describes each item of business to be discussed or acted upon. (Education Code 35147)

The above councils or committees shall not take action on any item not listed on the agenda unless all members present unanimously find that there is a need to take immediate action and that this need came to the council's or committee's attention after the agenda was posted. In addition to addressing items on the agenda, members of the council, committee, or public may ask questions or make brief statements that do not have a significant effect on district students or employees or that can be resolved solely by providing information. (Education Code 35147)

Any council or committee violating the above procedural requirements must, at the demand of any person, reconsider the item at the next meeting, first allowing for public input on the item. (Education Code 35147)

Any materials provided to a council or committee shall be made available to any member of the public upon request pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code 6250-6270. (Education Code 35147)

*(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)*

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**Committees Created by Superintendent**

Committees which are created by the Superintendent or designee to advise the administration, do not report to the Board, and are not specified in Education Code 35147 shall not be subject to the requirements of the Brown Act or Education Code 35147.

*(cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)*

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