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**ADVISORY COMMITTEES  
TO THE BOARD**

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The school board policies include guidelines addressing how students, parents, teachers, administrators, business, and professional leaders will be involved in contributing to the successful operation of the school program.

The board encourages citizen participation in the decision-making processes. Advisory committees of either the two following categories may be organized when appropriate.

1. Board-appointed advisory committees, both district wide and at the school level, shall function within the organizational frameworks approved by the board. A staff member or members will be assigned to each group to help it carry out its functions. The composition of advisory committees shall be broadly representative and shall take into consideration the specific tasks assigned to the committee. Only the board shall have the authority to dissolve advisory committees it has created.

The board will instruct each committee as to:

- the length of time each member is being asked to serve;
  - the service the board wishes the committee to render;
  - the resources the board will provide;
  - the approximate dates on which the board wishes to receive major reports;
  - board policies governing citizens committees and the relationship of these committees to the board as a whole, individual board members, the superintendent, and other members of the professional staff;
  - responsibilities for the release of information to the press.
2. School and district level advisory committees that are required under federal and state programs, shall function in accordance with the requirements pertaining to each specific federal or state program; the board shall grant to those bodies the advisory responsibilities relevant to the planning, implementation, and evaluation of such program or project.

Since the legal powers and prerogatives of the board cannot be delegated or surrendered to others, all recommendations of an advisory committee must be submitted to the board for action.

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