

GOVERNANCE STANDARDS

The Governing Board believes that its primary responsibility is to act in the best interests of every student in the district. The Board also has major commitments to parents/guardians, all members of the community, employees, the state of California, laws pertaining to public education, and established policies of the district. To maximize Board effectiveness and public confidence in district governance, Board members are expected to govern responsibly and hold themselves to the highest standards of ethical conduct.

The Board expects its members to work with each other and the Superintendent to ensure that a high-quality education is provided to each student. Each individual Board member shall:

1. Keep learning and achievement for all students as the primary focus
2. Value, support and advocate for public education
3. Recognize and respect differences of perspective and style on the Board and among staff, students, parents and the community
4. Act with dignity, and understand the implications of demeanor and behavior
5. Keep confidential matters confidential
6. Participate in professional development and commit the time and energy necessary to be an informed and effective leader
7. Understand the distinctions between Board and staff roles, and refrain from performing management functions that are the responsibility of the Superintendent and staff
8. Understand that authority rests with the Board as a whole and not with individuals

Board members also shall assume collective responsibility for building unity and creating a positive organizational culture. To operate effectively, the Board shall have a unity of purpose and:

1. Keep the district focused on learning and achievement for all students
2. Communicate a common vision
3. Operate openly, with trust and integrity
4. Govern in a dignified and professional manner, treating everyone with civility and respect

GOVERNANCE STANDARDS (continued)

5. Govern within Board-adopted policies and procedures
6. Take collective responsibility for the Board's performance
7. Periodically evaluate its own effectiveness
8. Ensure opportunities for the diverse range of views in the community to inform Board deliberations

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State References

Ed. Code 35010
 Ed. Code 35160
 Ed. Code 35164
 Elec. Code 1125-1129
 Gov. Code 1090
 Gov. Code 1098
 Gov. Code 54950-54963
 Gov. Code 87300-87313

Description

Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
 Authority of governing boards
 Authority by majority vote
 Incompatible activities
 Financial interest in contract
 Disclosure of confidential information
 The Ralph M. Brown Act
 Conflict of interest code

Management Resources References

CSBA Publication
 Website
 Website

Description

Professional Governance Standards
 CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
 CSBA

Cross Reference

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 0100
 0200
 1100
 1220
 1312.2
 1312.2-E(1)
 1313
 2000
 2110
 2111
 2140
 9000
 9010
 9011
 9012
 9100
 9121
 9140

Description

Vision
 Philosophy
 Goals for the School District
 Communication with the Public
 Citizen Advisory Committees
 Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials
 Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials
 Civility
 Concepts and Roles
 Superintendent Responsibilities and Duties
 Superintendent Governance Standards
 Evaluation of the Superintendent
 Roles of the Board
 Public Statements
 Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information
 Board Member Electronic Communications
 Organization
 President
 Board Representatives

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Bylaw

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