

SCHOOL-BASED MANAGEMENT / SITE COUNCILS

The Governing Board believes that shared decision making at the site level can be the key to improving education. The Board encourages programs that involve staff, students, parents/guardians and the community in a partnership empowered to design, implement, monitor and evaluate plans which respond to their schools unique needs and which also coincide with District goals.

School Site Council

To ensure effective communication and community participation in planning for improvement of school programs, each school participating in categorically-funded school improvement planning or in a school-based coordinated program shall establish a school site council with membership as follows:

1. The principal
2. Teachers selected by the school's teachers
3. Other school personnel chosen by the school's other personnel
4. Parents/guardians of students attending the school, chosen by other such parents/guardians, or community members chosen as representatives by such parents/guardians
5. In secondary schools, students attending the school, chosen by other such students.

Half of all elementary school site councils shall consist of school staff (#1, 2 and 3 above), the majority of them classroom teachers. The remaining half of the school site councils shall be parents/guardians (or parent/guardian representatives) in equal number.

Half of all secondary school site councils shall consist of school staff (#1, 2 and 3 above), the majority of them classroom teachers. The remaining half of the school site council shall be students and parents/guardians (or parent/guardian representatives) in equal number.

A school employee may serve as a parent/guardian representative on the site council of the school his/her child attends, provided the employee does not work at that school. (Education code 52852)

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Note: Any school site advisory committee required by state law or regulations may allow the site council to function on its behalf for up to two years. (Education Code 52870) If used as the advisory committee for bilingual education, the site council must conform to the membership ratio specified in Education Code 52176(B).

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

52000-52049 Improvement of elementary and secondary education

52176 Advisory committees (bilingual program)

52800-52904 School-Based Program Coordination Act

54425 Advisory Committees (compensatory education)

54650-54659 Education Improvement Incentive Program

54720-54734 School-Based Pupil Motivation and Maintenance Program