



OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

Board Governance

ISD 197 School Board

Contact: Superintendent

201 SCHOOL BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

The School Board is a representative body elected by the citizens of the District to provide for and oversee the operation of the public schools as mandated by state and federal law. It intends to exercise this authority in a manner responsive to the best interest of the community in general and the District students in particular. In carrying out this function, the School Board shall:

Purpose

The Board of Education of ISD 197 is responsible to its stakeholders, thus will conduct its business as mandated by law. The Board will attempt to reflect the opinion of the community. However, members must look to the future more clearly than is required of the average citizen. The results of many of the decisions and actions of the Board will not be realized at once, but will set the course of education for future years. The Board should fearlessly support those educational philosophies and procedures needed to promote a high quality education for the community based upon the needs of the students.

Strategic Planning

1. Create and adopt a Strategic Framework to set the direction required for highest level of operational functioning, highest quality education and responsible stewardship of resources on behalf of the students and stakeholders of the District, remembering always that the Board's primary concerns must be the educational welfare and academic achievement of students. The Strategic Framework will include Mission, Values, Goals and Focus Areas.
2. Provide feedback on Implementation Targets proposed by the Superintendent to achieve the Goals.
3. Approve measures for the Annual Report as developed and recommended by the Superintendent.
4. Monitor progress on implementation of Implementation Targets and achievement of the Goals through a systematic, timely, and comprehensive review of reports prepared by or at the direction of the Superintendent.

Budget

1. Establish a budget that incorporates sound business and fiscal practices and provides resources to achieve the District's vision, mission, and goals.
2. Set annual parameters and provide guidance for the development of the annual budget for the following fiscal year.

3. Approve the annual budget before the end of the current fiscal year.

Superintendent Oversight

1. Oversee the management of the district by employing a Superintendent who is directly accountable to the School Board.
2. Annually evaluate the performance of the Superintendent and approve compensation.

Community Engagement

Promote community engagement through consistent and continuous contact with the public by providing information to and seeking input from stakeholders.

Board Development and Performance

1. Ensure that its members have the knowledge, skills, and support necessary for Governance.
2. Develop annual continuous improvement goals for the Board that will be implemented throughout the year unless amended by the majority of the Board.
3. Annually evaluate its performance in fulfilling the Board's duties and responsibilities, and the Board's ability to work with the Superintendent as a team.

Policies

Establish policies for the operation of the District that comply with federal and state laws, including those concerning open meetings and data privacy.

POLICY ADOPTED:	September 9, 2009
POLICY REVIEWED/REVISED:	March 17, 2014; January 22, 2019; May 15, 2023
Monitoring Method:	Administrative Review
Monitoring Frequency:	Every three years