

Oakdale Jr. High School School Site Council Stated By Laws

Article I

Duties of the School Site Council

The school site council of Oakdale Jr. High School hereinafter referred to as the school site council (SSC), shall carry out the following duties:

- Obtain recommendations for, and review of the proposed *Single Plan for Student Achievement* from all school advisory committees.
- Approve the plan and related expenditures in accordance with all state and federal laws and regulations.
- Recommend the plan and expenditures to the governing board for approval.
- Provide ongoing review of the implementation of the plan with the principal, teachers and other school staff members.
- Make modifications to the plan whenever the need arises.
- Submit the modified plan for governing board approval whenever a material change (as defined in district governing board policy) is made in planned activities or related expenditures.
- Annually evaluate the progress made toward school goals to raise the academic achievement of all students.
- Carry out all other duties assigned to the school site council by the district governing board and by state law.

Article II

Members

Section A: Composition

The school site council shall be composed of the site principal and at least eleven members, selected by their peers, as follows:

- 4 Classroom teachers (*Classroom teachers must be the majority*)
- 1 Other school staff member
- 3 Parents or community members
- 3 Student member
- The school principal shall be an ex officio member of the school site council.

School site council members chosen to represent parents may be employees of the school district so long as they are not employed at this school.

Section B: Term of Office

School site council members shall be elected for 2 year terms. Half, or the nearest approximation thereof, of each representative group shall be elected during odd years, and the remaining number elected during even years. At the first regular meeting of the school site council, each member's current term of office shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Section C: Voting Rights

Each member is entitled to one vote and may cast that vote on any matter submitted to a vote of the school site council. Absentee ballots shall not be permitted.

Section D: Termination of Membership

The school site council may, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all its members, suspend or expel a member. Any elected member may terminate his or her membership by submitting a written letter of resignation to the school site council chairperson or school principal.

Section E: Transfer of Membership

Membership on the school site council may not be assigned or transferred.

Section F: Vacancy

Any vacancy on the school site council occurring during the term of a duly elected member shall be filled by regular elections; appointment of the school site council for the period of time until the next regular election; or the seating of a previously elected alternate member to fill the remainder of the term of the vacant seat. If SSC membership is equal to or greater than eleven and is reflective of the school, then vacancies due to attrition may go unfilled.

Section G: Adding New Members

Membership on the school site council should reflect the student body and community. If there is a need to add members to the council, the position will be considered a vacancy and filled as such.

Article III
Site Principal and Officers

Section A: Site Principal

The principal shall:

- Work closely with the SSC chairperson to plan SSC meetings and activities.

- Provide information to enable the SSC to plan, monitor, and evaluate effective improvements including:
 - Description of state and federal categorical programs funded at the school.
 - Interpretation of state, district, and school policies/regulations.
 - Student performance data.
- Provide training for the SSC to work effectively.
- Provides leadership for school plan revisions and budget development.
- Informs the SSC about all school programs and parent groups and encourages parent participation.
- Administers the approved plan programs.
- Maintains responsibility for instructional leadership and operation of the school.
- Arranges for a meeting room and other logistical needs.
- Is a voting and participating member of the SSC and cannot veto decisions or independently change the approved plan.

Section B: Officers

The officers of the school site council shall be a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, and other officers the school site council may deem desirable.

The chairperson shall:

- Preside at all meetings of the school site council.
- Begins and ends meetings on time.
- Assures the agenda is prepared; assists in preparing the agenda.
- Sign all letters, reports and other communications of the school site council.
- Leads orderly discussions that offer each member a chance to speak.
- Makes sure a set of by-laws exist and are being used.
- Delegates tasks to other SSC members.
- Schedules additional meetings, if necessary.
- Have other such duties as are prescribed by the school site council.
- Perform all duties incident to the office of the chairperson.

The vice-chairperson shall:

- Represent the chairperson in assigned duties.
- Substitute for the chairperson in his or her absence.

The secretary shall:

- Keep minutes of all regular and special meetings of the school site council.
- Transmit true and correct copies of the minutes of such meetings to members of the school site council.
- Provide all notices in accordance with these bylaws.
- Be custodian of the records of the school site council.
- Keep a register of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of each member of the school site council, the chairpersons of school advisory committees, and

others with whom the school site council has regular dealings, as furnished by those persons.

- Perform other such duties as are assigned by the chairperson or the school site council.

Section C: Election and Terms of Office

The officers shall be elected annually, at the first meeting of the school site council and shall serve for one year, or until each successor has been elected.

Section D: Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of all the members.

Section E: Vacancy

A vacancy in any office shall be filled at the earliest opportunity by a special election of the school site council, for the remaining portion of the term of office.

Article IV **Committees**

Section A: Subcommittees

The school site council may establish and abolish subcommittees of its own membership to perform duties as shall be prescribed by the school site council. At least one member representing teachers and one member representing parents shall make up the subcommittee. No subcommittee may exercise the authority of the school site council.

Section B: Other Standing and Special Committees

The school site council may establish and abolish standing or special committees with such composition and to perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the school site council. No such committee may exercise the authority of the school site council.

Section B: Membership

Unless otherwise determined by the school site council, the school site council chairperson shall appoint members of standing or special committees. A vacancy on a committee shall be filled by appointment made by the chairperson.

Section C: Terms of Office

The school site council shall determine the terms of office for members of a committee.

Section D: Rules

Each committee may adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these bylaws or rules adopted by the school site council, or policies of the district governing board.

Section E: Quorum

A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum, unless otherwise determined by the school site council. The act of a majority of the members present shall be the act of the committee, provided a quorum is in attendance.

Article V
Meetings of the School site council

Section A: Meetings

The school site council shall meet regularly on the forth Wednesday of each month. Special meetings of the school site council may be called by the chairperson or by a majority vote of the school site council.

Section B: Place of Meetings

The school site council shall hold its regular meetings at a facility provided by the school, unless such a facility accessible to the public, including handicapped persons, is unavailable. Alternate meeting places may be determined by the chairperson or by majority vote of the school site council.

Section C: Notice of Meetings

Written public notice shall be given of all meetings at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Changes in the established date, time or location shall be given special notice. All meetings shall be publicized in the following venues: posting in school office, and posted within school web site.

All required notices shall be delivered to school site council and committee members no less than 72 hours, and no more than 7 days in advance of the meeting, personally or by mail (or by e-mail).

Section D: Quorum

The act of a majority of the members present shall be the act of the school site council, provided a quorum is in attendance, and no decision may otherwise be attributed to the school site council. A majority of the members of the school site council shall constitute a quorum.

Section E: Conduct of Meetings

Meetings of the school site council shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of order established by *Education Code* Section 3147(c), and with *Robert's Rules of Order* or an adaptation thereof approved by the school site council.

Section F: Meetings Open to the Public

All meetings of the school site council, and of committees established by the school site council, shall be open to the public. Notice of such meetings shall be provided in accordance with Section C of this article.

Article VII
Amendments

An amendment of these bylaws may be made at any regular meeting of the school site council by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Written notice of the proposed amendment must be submitted to school site council members at least 10 days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered for adoption.

Appendix G: Use of Resources

The following fiscal practices apply to the use of funds generated through the Consolidated Application:

The state fiscal year is the period from July 1 to June 30. Funds not spent during this period become "carryover funds", to be budgeted for use the following fiscal year. Districts may allow carryover to remain at the school that generated the funds or may aggregate unspent funds from all schools and redistribute them according to the formula appropriate for each program. State law does not limit the amount of carryover funds.

The federal fiscal year is the period from October 1 through September 30. However, we are allowed to expend federal funds beginning the previous July 1. Thus, the period of allowable expenditure extends for 15 months. Title I law limits the amount of funds that may be carried over from the previous fiscal year to 15 percent, except for agencies that receive less than \$50,000. A waiver of this restriction may be requested from the State Board of Education once every three years.

Eighty-five percent of the funds from certain programs must be used for direct educational services at schools. This limitation applies to:

- Economic Impact Aid, State Compensatory Education Program
- Economic Impact Aid, Limited-English-Proficient Program
- Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs

Up to 15 percent may be spent for administrative costs incurred at the school and district office in support of these programs.

Expenditures are allowable if they:

- Provide an effective means of achieving the purposes of the program funding source
- Are reasonable uses of limited resources.
- Are necessary to achieve the goals of the plan.
- Provide supplementary services for eligible students.
- Do not fund services required by state law.
- Do not pay for what, in the absence of these categorical funds, would be provided by the general fund.

This definition meets the federal requirement that expenditures of funds "supplement, and not supplant" state and local expenditures.

The district must reserve funds from the Title I, Part A, Basic Grant Program for:

- Costs of parent involvement (1 percent minimum) and professional development (5 percent to 10 percent)
- Program Improvement schools, whatever is needed for costs of public school choice, transportation, and supplemental educational services, up to 20 percent of the district allocation

The district may reserve funds from Title I, Part A, for:

- Serving community day school students
- Capital expenses for Title I programs operated at private schools
- Salary differentials
- Preschool
- Summer school
- Before school, after school, and school year extension programs
- Neglected students
- Homeless students
- Assistance to schools

The district may also reserve funds for:

- Indirect costs of administering state and federal programs
- Repayment of disallowed expenditures

Funds received through the Consolidated Application must be used to reach school goals for improving the academic performance of all students to the level of state standards. In so doing, care must be exercised to ensure that each funding source is used for the purposes for which the funds are allocated, and for eligible students.

Appendix H: Acronyms and Specialized Terms

Listed below are acronyms most often associated with programs funded through the Consolidated Application. Most of the acronyms are "hot-linked" to information on the topic of the acronym:

ACRONYM	STANDS FOR	WEB ADDRESS
ADA	Average Daily Attendance	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm
API	Academic Performance Index	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap
APS	Academic Program Survey	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/lp/vl/improvtools.asp#aps
BTSA	Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment	http://www.btsa.ca.gov
BTTP	Bilingual Teacher Training Program	http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/bt
CAHSEE	California High School Exit Examination	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/
CBEDS	California Basic Educational Data System	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ss/cb
CBEST	California Basic Educational Skills Test	http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/CAW-exams.html#CBEST
CDE	California Department of Education	http://www.cde.ca.gov
CELDT	California English Language Development Test	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/el
COE	County Office of Education	http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/sd/co/index.asp
COP	Committee of Practitioners (Title I)	http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/sw/t1/practitioners.asp
CPM	Categorical Program Monitoring	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/cr/cc
CSAM	California School Accounting Manual	http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/ac/sa
CSIS	California School Information Services	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sd/cs
CSR	Comprehensive School Reform	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/lp/cs/
CTC	Commission on Teacher Credentialing	http://www.ctc.ca.gov
DAS	District Assistance Survey	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/lp/vl/documents/distasistsrvy1.doc
DSLTL	District/School Liason Team	
EC	Education Code	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html
EDGAR	U. S. Department of Education General Administrative Regulations	http://www.ed.gov/policy/fund/reg/edgarReg/edgar.html
EL	English Learner	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/cr/el

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ELA	English Language Acquisition	http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/ii
ELAP	English Language Acquisition Program	http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/ca/englishlang.asp
ELD	English Language Development	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/cr/el
EO	English-Only (Monolingual English)	
EPC	Essential Program Components	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/lp/vl/essentialcomp.asp
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act	http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/index.html
ESL	English as a Second Language	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/cr/el
ESLRs	Expected Schoolwide Learning Results	http://www.acswasc.org/process_ca_comprehensive.htm
FEP	Fluent-English-Proficient	http://www.cde.ca.gov/demographics
FOL	Focus on Learning	http://www.acswasc.org/process_ca_comprehensive.htm
FTE	Full-Time-Equivalent	http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/gls_fte.htm
GATE	Gifted and Talented Education	http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/g/
GED	General Educational Development	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd
HPSGP	High Priority Schools Grant Program	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/lp/hp/
IEP	Immigrant Education Program (NCLB, Title III)	http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/t3
IEP	Individualized Education Program	http://www.calstat.org/iep/
II/USP	Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/lp/iu
LC	Language Census	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ss/lc
LD	Learning Disabled	
LEA	Local Educational Agency	http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/sd
LEP	Limited English Proficient	
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress	http://www.nagb.org
NCE	Normal Curve Equivalent	
NCLB	No Child Left Behind	http://www.cde.ca.gov/pr/nclb
NRT	Norm-referenced Test	
PI	Program Improvement	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ti/programimprov.asp
PSAA	Public Schools Accountability Act	http://www.cde.ca.gov/psaa

ACRONYM	STANDS FOR	WEB ADDRESS
PTA	Parent Teacher Association	http://www.pta.org
R-FEP	Redesignated Fluent-English-Proficient	
ROPC	Regional Occupational Program and Centers	http://www.cde.ca.gov/rocp/dsp/coord.html
RSDSS	Regional System for District and School Support	http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/sw/ss/s4directory.asp
SABE/2	Spanish Assessment of Basic Education	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr
SARC	School Accountability Report Card	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa
SBCP	School-Based Coordinated Programs	
SEA	State Education Agency	http://www.cde.ca.gov
STAR	Standardized Testing and Reporting	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr
UCP	Uniform Complaint Procedures	http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cp/uc
WASC	Western Association of Schools and Colleges	http://www.acswasc.org