

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the school improvement council.

School improvement councils

In keeping with the letter and spirit of state law, including the Education Improvement Act of 1984 and the Education Finance Act of 1977, as amended by the Early Childhood Development and Academic Assistance Act of 1993, the board directs the establishment of a school improvement council in each school in the district. The school improvement councils will function within the guidelines set forth in the administrative rule following this policy as well as state law and regulations of the state board of education.

Each school council will be composed of at least two parents, elected by the parents of the children enrolled in the school; at least two teachers, elected by the faculty; and at least two students in schools with grades nine and above, elected by the students. Additional members of the council may be other representatives of the community and persons elected by the principal. However, the elected members of the council will comprise at least a two-thirds majority of the membership of the council.

The school improvement council will actively participate in the development of the school plan as part of the school and district five-year comprehensive plans with annual updates required by Act 135.

State law does not create any legal authority on the part of the improvement councils or the members thereof to perform any of the duties or functions delegated by statute to the board or any of its employees.

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Legal references:

- A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:
 1. Section 59-20-60(3) – Improvement councils.
- B. State Board of Education Regulations:
 1. R-43-261 – District and school comprehensive planning.