

# **Career and Technical Education**

## **Brownsville ISD**

### **Purpose of Advisory Committees**

The primary purpose of the advisory committees is to provide a resource and sounding board for teachers and school administrators. Advisory committees can make important contributions by advising teachers about business needs and assisting the school in planning and implementing Career & Technology programs. Advisory committees provide teachers and administrators with the opportunity to utilize the knowledge, experience, and skills of representatives from businesses to enhance the Career & Technology program and courses being offered.

The most significant functions of the advisory committee involve those activities designed to improve and strengthen Career & Technology programs. The importance of these committees in helping the CTE staff to establish short and long-range plans cannot be emphasized enough.

The following list is not meant to be all-inclusive, but provides direction to committee members on how they can work to improve Career & Technology instruction. The advisory committee will:

1. Conduct public relations activities to promote Career & Technology education in the community
2. Help assess instructional needs and make suggestions for the future direction of the Career & Technology department
3. Provide CTE staff with relevant, current, up-to-date workplace information, which can be shared with students through classroom activities.
4. Participate in budget development and review
5. Develop and review equipment requirements
6. Provide equipment recommendations
7. Assist with placement of current students and program graduates
8. Assist with student youth organizations
9. Participate in school activities as resource as a resource for instructional materials, speakers, field trips, teacher and student internships and other relevant resources.

It should be understood that the advisory committee's advice, no matter how well intentioned, cannot always be followed. School operates under federal, state and local rules, regulations, and guidelines. Final responsibility and authority for carrying out the school's mission must reside with the local district administrators and the school board.