

Site-Based Decision Making

10 Most Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are Site-Based Decision Making, School Centered Education and School Community Council different groups?

Answer: School Centered Education and School Community Council are now Site-Based Decision Making. The name change is simply a way to be consistent with what the State of Texas uses.



2. What is the purpose of Site-Based Decision Making?

Answer: The purpose is to provide all concerned stakeholders with an opportunity to come together to Understand, Plan, Implement, Monitor, and Evaluate educational programs that best meet the academic needs of students at a particular campus.

3. Who are the stakeholders?

Answer: Students, parents, community members, business community representatives, and school staff are stakeholders.

4. What are the duties and responsibilities of the SBDM?

Answer: The SBDM team advises the principal in the areas of needs assessment, planning and setting goals, budgeting, curriculum, staffing patterns, training and development for parents and staff, school organization and management, and school safety.

5. Where are the operating rules of the SBDM found?

Answer: The Resource Guide for Integrated District Planning and Decision Making, DISD Board Policy, the DISD Site-Based

Decision Making Handbook, and the local campus committee bylaws contain the operating guidelines and rules for SBDM.

6. How are shared decisions made?

Answer: Stakeholders work together to reach consensus through collaboration and a no-blame, no-fault approach.

7. Is Site-Based Decision Making child focused?

Answer: Absolutely. All decisions should be made with the child's growth, development, and achievement in mind. The decisions made should address the needs of the whole child.

8. What is the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP)?

Answer: The CIP is a document developed collaboratively by the SBDM team and school staff that includes the school's mission statement, school profile, school data, campus goals, school needs, strategies for meeting needs, resources needed, staff required, training required, timelines, persons responsible, and evaluation.

9. What roles should the SBDM team have in developing the CIP?

Answer: The Site-Based Decision Making team should plan collaboratively with school staff to develop the Campus Improvement Plan.

10. What are the expected outcomes of an effective SBDM team?

Answer: Increased and effective parent, business and community involvement in the school process, effective district and campus planning for the purpose of improved student performance, raised staff productivity and satisfaction, improved communication and information flow, and more.