



# About California school boards

School boards govern California's nearly 1,000 school districts serving 6.2 million students

**1** School board members are individually elected by the community they serve



- Each school district is governed by a school board that is accountable for the performance of schools in their district.
- They represent the community's diverse beliefs and values.
- School board members are residents of the school district they serve and come from all walks of life — doctors, lawyers, homemakers, teachers, architects, truck drivers, professors, business owners, real estate agents and more.

**3** School boards serve the community



- Listening to their ideas
- Engaging them in setting the district mission and goals
- Making student achievement a priority
- Advocating on important K-12 policy issues for all students
- Representing the district at community events
- Ensuring accountability for student and district performance

**2** School boards govern at board meetings



- Hiring and evaluating the superintendent
- Adopting district policies
- Approving Local Control Accountability Plans
- Adopting and monitoring budgets
- Monitoring district performance and student achievement
- Actively listening to public comments

**4** School board members give the gift of time



- Preparing for and attending board meetings
- Responding to constituents
- Participating in board training and development
- Attending community events

**To learn more about your school board or attend an upcoming meeting, contact a local school board member or the district superintendent's office.**



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