

Bylaws of the Board

Governance Standards

The Governing Board believes that its primary responsibility is to act in the best interest of every student in the district. The Board also has major commitments to parents/guardians, all members of the community, employees, the State of California, laws pertaining to public education, and established policies of the District. To maximize Board effectiveness and public confidence in district governance, Board members are expected to govern responsibly and hold themselves to the highest standards of ethical conduct.

The Board expects its members to work with each other and the Superintendent to ensure that high-quality education is provided to each student. Each individual Board member shall:

1. To ensure that continued learning and achievement for all students is the primary focus
2. Value, support and advocate for public education
3. Recognize and respect differences of perspective and style on the Board and among staff, students, parents and the community
4. Act with dignity, and understand the implications of demeanor and behavior
5. Keep confidential matters confidential
6. Participate in professional development and commit the time and energy necessary to be an informed and effective leader
7. Understand the distinctions between Board and staff roles, and refrain from performing management functions that are the responsibility of the Superintendent and staff
8. Understand that authority rests with the Board as a whole and not with individuals

Board members shall assume collective responsibility for building unity and creating a positive organizational culture. To operate effectively, the Board shall have a unity of purpose and:

1. Keep the district focused on learning and achievement for all students

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Governance Standards (continued)

2. Communicate a common vision
3. Operate openly, with trust and integrity
4. Govern in a dignified and professional manner, treating everyone with civility and respect
5. Govern within board-adopted policies and procedures
6. Take collective responsibility for the Board's procedures
7. Periodically evaluate its own effectiveness
8. Ensure opportunities for the diverse range of views in the community to inform Board deliberations

Governance Standards (continued)

Reference: California Education Code

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| 35010 | Power of Governing Board to Adopt Rules for Its Own Governance |
| 35160 | Board Authority to Act in Any Manner Not Conflicting With Law |
| 35164 | Actions by Majority Vote |

Reference: Government Code

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| 1090 | Financial Interest in Contract |
| 1098 | Disclosure of Confidential Information |
| 1125-1128 | Incompatible Activities |
| 54950 - | |
| 54962 | The Ralph M. Brown Act |
| 87300 - | |
| 87313 | Conflict of Interest Code |

Cross Reference:

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| P2010 | Role of the Board |
| P2270 | Conflict of Interest |
| P2270.1 | Conflict of Interest |
| P2270.2 | Conflict of Interest/Incompatible Activities |
| P2323.1 | Public Statements |
| | Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information |
| P4120 | Superintendent of Schools: Responsibilities and Duties |
| P3000 | Goals for the School District |
| P2311 | Board Policies |
| P2312 | Board Bylaws |
| | Board Self-Evaluation |
| P3221 | Citizens Advisory Commission |
| P2320.1 | Meeting Conduct |

Lompoc Unified School District

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