

POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS
POLICY TITLE: BOARD COMMITTEE PRINCIPLES

GP-L2e Board committees, when used, will be assigned so as to support the Board's job and never to interfere with delegation from Board to Superintendent.

GP-L3e Accordingly:

1. Board committees are to help the Board do its job, not to help or advise the staff. Committees ordinarily will assist the Board by preparing policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Board committees will normally not have direct dealings with current staff operations.
2. Board committees may not speak or act for the Board except when formally given such authority for specific and time-limited purposes. Expectations and authority will be carefully stated in order not to conflict with authority delegated to the Superintendent.
3. Board committees cannot exercise authority over staff. The Superintendent works for the full Board. He or she will not be required to obtain approval of a Board committee before an executive action.
4. A Board committee which has helped the Board create policy on some topic will not be used to monitor District performance on that same subject.
5. Board committees will be used sparingly and ordinarily in an ad hoc capacity.
6. This policy applies to any group which is formed by Board action, whether or not it is called a committee and regardless whether the group includes Board members. It does not apply to committees formed under the authority of the Superintendent.
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8. All committee meetings shall be open to the public. Meeting notices shall be posted in the same place and manner of notices of Board meetings.

Monitoring Method: Internal Report
Monitoring Frequency: Annual – January

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