

SCHOOL BOARD OPERATIONAL GOALS

The board is responsible to the people for whose benefit the school district has been established. Further, the board's current decisions will influence the course of education in the district's schools for years to come. By virtue of this responsibility, the board and each of its members must look to the future and to the needs of all people more than the average citizen finds necessary. This requires a comprehensive perspective and long-range planning in addition to attention to immediate problems.

The board's primary responsibility is to establish purposes, programs, and procedures which will best produce the educational achievement needed by district students. It is charged with accomplishing this while also being responsible for wise management of resources available to the district. The board must fulfill these responsibilities by functioning primarily as a legislative body to formulate and adopt policy, by selecting an executive officer to implement policy, and by evaluating the results.

In accordance with these principles, the board shall seek to achieve the following goals:

1. To concentrate the board's collective effort on its policy making and planning responsibilities;
2. To formulate board policies which best serve the educational interests of each student.
3. To provide the superintendent with sufficient and adequate guidelines for implementing board policies.
4. To maintain effective communication with the public the board serves, and with staff and students, in order to maintain awareness of attitudes, opinions, desires, and ideas.
5. To conduct all board business openly, unless a nonpublic session is appropriate within the statutes.

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