
BOARD ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As the legally designated governing body of the district, the board is accountable to the public for the operation of the district. The board's accountability to the community shall include the following responsibilities:

Vision and Mission

The board, with participation by the community, will envision the future of the district's educational program and establish the mission of the district. In addition, the board will help develop and approve the goals and strategies for achieving the vision and mission. This shall be done within the context of a commitment to educational excellence and meeting the learning needs of all students.

Structure

The board will establish an organizational framework that supports the achievement of the district's vision and mission. This includes employing and evaluating a superintendent, and adopting policies, annual district goals, and budgets.

Quality Assurance

The board will monitor the achievement of the district's annual goals, school improvement goals, the quality and relevance of educational programs, student performance, staff performance, and other factors affecting the district's ability to achieve its vision and mission. The public will be kept informed about improvement efforts and progress. Staff training will be provided to help ensure continuous improvement of student achievement.

Advocacy

On behalf of students, parents and staff, the board shall serve as education's key advocate within the community and represent the needs of the district outside the community. In order to perform this function effectively, board members will familiarize themselves with district programs and operations, and endeavor to stay abreast of issues and directions in contemporary education. In addition, board members will seek to understand the concerns and aspirations of various segments of the community so that these perspectives can be considered in board deliberations.

Cross References:	Board Policy	1000	Legal Status and Organization
		1310	Policy Adoption, Policy Manual and Administrative Procedures
		1620	Board-Superintendent Relations
		1810	Long Range Planning and Annual Goals
		1820	Evaluation of the Board
		1822	Training and Development for Board Members

