

KEY FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

Acting on behalf of each community, the school board will fulfill the following functions:

Vision: The board, with participation by the community, shall envision the future of the school district's education program and formulate goals, define outcomes and set the course for the school district. This will be done within the context of racial, ethnic and religious diversity and with a commitment to education excellence and equity for all students.

Structure: To achieve the vision, the board will establish a structure which reflects local circumstances and creates an environment designed to ensure all students the opportunity to attain their maximum potential through a sound organizational framework. This includes employing a superintendent, developing and approving policies, formulating budgets, setting high instructional and learning goals for staff and students, and nurturing a climate conducive to continuous improvement.

Accountability: The board's accountability to the community will include adopting a system of continuous assessment of all conditions affecting education, including assessments for measuring staff and student progress toward goals. The public will be kept informed about programs and progress. Staff and board training will be provided to insure continuous improvement of student achievement.

Advocacy: The board shall serve as education's key advocate on behalf of the students and their schools. The board shall work to advance the community's vision for its schools, pursue the district's goals, encourage progress and energize systemic change and ensure that students are treated as whole persons in a diversified society.

Cross References:

Board Policy 0100	Commitment to Strategic Planning
Board Policy 0300	Planning Process
Board Policy 0700	Strategic Plan Evaluation
Board Policy 1310	Policy Adoption, Manuals and Administrative Procedures
Board Policy 1810	Annual Goals and Objectives
Board Policy 1820	Evaluation of the Board

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