

CSBA Sample Board Bylaw

Role of the Board

Bylaws of the Board BB 9000

Note: This optional county board bylaw reflects the roles and responsibilities of county boards. The bylaw is consistent with CSBA's Maximizing School Board Leadership series and aligns closely with the professional governance standards for county boards adopted by CSBA and CCBE in September 2001. The governance standards also address attributes of effective boards and individual trustees; see BB 9005 - Governance Standards.

The County Board of Education provides leadership and citizen input for county educational programs and services operated by the county office of education, including services provided to school districts and the community. Major roles of the County Board include:

1. Working with the County Superintendent of Schools to establish the direction and priorities for the county office through its budgetary responsibilities
2. Providing community leadership on behalf of the county office and public education

To fulfill these basic responsibilities, the County Board shall:

1. Maintain a cooperative and supportive working relationship with local school districts, their school boards and the community
2. Collaborate with the County Superintendent so that the shared vision, goals and policies of the county office can be implemented
3. Adopt, evaluate and update policies consistent with the law and the county Board's vision and goals
4. Maintain accountability for student learning in schools and programs operated by the county office
5. Adopt the annual budget and review interim reports of the County Superintendent
6. Approve the salary of the County Superintendent
7. Review the real property audit and acquire or dispose of real property as necessary for county office schools and programs
8. Adopt policies to ensure that a safe and appropriate educational environment is provided to all county office students

9. Conduct appeals on student expulsions and interdistrict transfers

10. Conduct public hearings when appropriate

11. Fulfill statutory responsibilities in connection with charter schools

12. Provide community leadership on educational issues and advocate on behalf of students and public education at the local, state and federal levels

The County Board is authorized to establish and finance any program or activity that is not in conflict with, inconsistent with, or preempted by law and which is not in conflict with the purposes for which the County Board is established. (Education Code 35160)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1040 Duties and responsibilities; county boards of education

1042 County boards; authority

33319.5 Implementation of authority of local agencies

35160 Authority of county boards

47600-47616.5 Charter Schools Act of 1992, as amended

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Professional Governance Standards for County Boards, September 2001

Maximizing School Board Leadership, 1996

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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Policy Reference UPDATE Service