

GP-2: GOVERNING STYLE

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Board of School Trustees

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board will govern lawfully on behalf of students with an emphasis on strategic leadership for the future of CCSD:

The Board is accountable to the people of Clark County for competent, conscientious, and effective accomplishments of its objectives.

Accordingly:

1. The Board will cultivate a sense of group responsibility. The Board, not the staff, will be responsible for excellence in governing. The Board will be the initiator of policy, not merely a reactor to staff initiatives. The Board will honor diverse viewpoints but will not use the expertise of individual members to substitute for the judgment of the Board, although the expertise of individual members may be used to enhance the understanding of the Board as a body.
2. The Board will direct, control, and inspire the organization through the careful establishment of broad written policies reflecting of the Board's values and perspectives. The Board's major policy focus will be on the intended long-term impacts outside the staff organization, not on the administrative or programmatic means of attaining those effects. By doing so, the Board will maintain a clear distinction of its role.
3. The Board will accept information, which reflects the need for improvement, as well as success in order to gain a clear understanding of the district.
4. The Board will maintain a professional relationship with all of its advisory Boards in communicating requests, receiving information, and requesting staff assistance when necessary.
5. The Board will govern with excellence in matters such as attendance*, preparation for meetings, policymaking principles, respect of roles, and ensuring the continuance of governing capability. Although the Board can change its governance process policies at any time, it will observe them scrupulously while they are in force.
6. Continuous Board development will include orientation of new Board members in the Board's governance process and organization of the district. New Board member orientation will occur before the new member's first Board meeting and will be delivered by an appropriately trained person.

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7. The Board will conduct a review of Governance Process (GP) and Board/Superintendent Linkage (B/SL) policies at a special meeting semi-annually. The meetings will serve two purposes: 1) to conduct Board assessment by reviewing Board activity and adherence to GP and B/SL policies, and 2) to examine policies for possible revision. The Board President will post the GP and B/SL policies to be reviewed at the respective meetings on the annual calendar.
8. The Board will monitor and discuss the Board's process and performance at a regular monthly meeting (see Appendix - Debriefing Documents). This brief assessment will include review of Board activity and adherence to policies in the Governance Process and Board/Superintendent Linkage categories.
9. The Board will allow no officer, individual Board member, or committee of the Board to be a reason for not fulfilling its commitments.

* See Appendix, Trustee Salary for further definition of what constitutes attendance.