

How can I become a SAC member?

Elected members of the School Advisory Council include teachers, educational support personnel, parents, and secondary students.

Members are also appointed to the council by the principal to represent businesses and the community.

Students serve as SAC members for one year.

All other members serve two year terms.

A chairperson is elected annually by the SAC membership.

What are the roles of the School Advisory Council members?

Principal

- Involves the SAC in decisions in accordance with stated purposes and policies.
- Promotes open communication and listens carefully to feedback.
- Follows up on issues raised at meetings.

Chairperson

- Is an impartial facilitator of open discussion and insists on fairness in the actions and debate of the members.
- Works with the principal to plan each meeting and to post the agenda.
- Encourages active participation by members.
- Sees that SAC subcommittees function as directed.
- Works in conjunction and cooperation with the principal.

Parents and Business or Community Members

- Obtains parent and community support and assistance with school-related programs.
- Participates in discussions relative to SAC, community, and school.
- Participates regularly in SAC meetings and carries out SAC committee assignments.

Teachers and Educational Support Employee Representatives

- Obtains recommendations from all members of the school staff.
- Disseminates appropriate SAC information to staff.
- Makes specialized information available about educational programs to the SAC.
- Encourages the school staff to support the goals and activities of the SAC.

Secondary Student Representatives

- Provides the viewpoint of students.
- Links the SAC and the student body.



State Educational Goals (1008.31 ES.)

Highest student achievement, as measured by: student FCAT performance and annual learning gains; the number and percentage of schools that improve at least one school performance grade designation or maintain a school performance grade designation of "A" pursuant to 1008.34 ES.; graduation or completion rates at all learning levels; and other measures identified by law or rule.

Seamless articulation and maximum access, as measured by: the percentage of students who demonstrate readiness for the education level they are entering, from kindergarten through postsecondary education and into the workforce; the number and percentage of students needing remediation; the percentage of Floridians who complete associate, baccalaureate, professional, and postgraduate degrees; the number and percentage of credits that articulate; the extent to which each set of exit-point requirements matches the next set of entrance-point requirements; and other measures identified in law or rule.

Skilled workforce and economic development, as measured by: the number and percentage of graduates employed in their areas of preparation; the percentage of Floridians with high school diplomas and postsecondary education credentials; the percentage of business and community members who find that Florida's graduates possess the skills they need; and other measures identified in law or rule.

Quality efficient services, as measured by: cost per completer or graduate; average cost per noncompleter at each educational level; cost disparity across institutions offering the same degrees; the percentage of education customers at each educational level who are satisfied with the education provided; and other measures identified in law or rule.



What is a School Advisory Council?

The School Advisory Council is the means for community/parent involvement in and support of the schools.

The School Advisory Council is composed of the principal, teachers, educational support employees, parents, business and community representatives, and secondary students.

The School Advisory Council is representative of the ethnic and economic community served by that school.

The School Advisory Council participates in identifying needs and developing plans for meeting those needs.

The School Advisory Council assists in preparation and evaluation of the school's annual Continuous Improvement Plan.

Activities typically carried out by a School Advisory Council include:

Meeting regularly to discuss school improvement.

Reviewing the results of any needs assessments.

Providing recommendations on the goals of the school and strategies to accomplish goals.

Monitoring the school's progress in attaining goals.

Preparing and distributing information to parents and the public.



School Advisory Councils shall not assume any of the powers or duties now reserved by Florida Statutes for the School Board or its administrative or instructional staff.

School Advisory Councils are subject to Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine Law and Public Records Law.

All School Advisory Council meetings are open to the public.
Visitors are welcome to attend SAC meetings.

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The School Advisory Council



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