

Fresno Unified Administrative Regulation (AR) 0420

School Plans/Site Councils

School Site Councils

Each school that operates a program requiring the development of a school plan for student achievement (SPSA) pursuant to Education Code 64001 shall have a school site council composed of the following: (Education Code 65000)

1. The principal or designee
2. Classroom teachers selected by the school's classroom teachers
3. Other school personnel, who are not teachers, selected by the school's other personnel who are not teachers
4. Parents/guardians of students attending the school and/or other community, selected by the parents/guardians of students attending the school
5. In secondary schools, students attending the school selected by other such students

Half of the school site council membership shall consist of school staff (including the principal), the majority of whom shall be classroom teachers. For elementary school site councils, the remaining half shall be parents/guardians or community members. For secondary school site councils, the remaining half shall be equal numbers of parents/guardians, community members, and students. (Education Code 65000)

A district employee may serve as a parent/guardian representative on the site council of the school their child attends, provided the employee does not work at that school. (Education Code 65000)

The bylaws of each school site council shall include the method of selecting members and officers, terms of office, responsibilities of council members, time commitment, and a policy of nondiscrimination and equity.

School site councils shall operate in accordance with procedural meeting requirements established in Education Code 35147.

School site councils may function on behalf of other committees in accordance with law. (Education Code 52055.620, 52176, 52870, 54425; 5 CCR 3932)

(cf. 0520.1 - High Priority Schools Grant Program)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

School Plan for Student Achievement

In order for a school to participate in any state or federal categorical program listed in Education Code 64000, the school site council shall approve, annually review, and update a school plan for student achievement (SPSA). (Education 64001)

The SPSA shall be developed with the review, certification, and advice of the school English learner advisory committee, if required. (Education Code 64001)

Other school and district committees, including, but not limited to, a parent advisory committee established to review and comment on the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP), advisory committee established for special education programs, and Western Association of Schools and Colleges leadership teams, may also be consulted on the content of the plan.

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Before developing the content of the SPSA, the school site council shall conduct a comprehensive needs assessment pursuant to 20 USC 6314, including an analysis of verifiable state data consistent with the state priorities specified in Education Code 52060 and the indicators in the state accountability system. The school may consider any other data developed by the district to measure student outcomes (Education Code 64001)

The plan shall include the following: (Education Code 64001)

1. Goals to improve student outcomes, including goals that address the needs of student groups as identified through the needs assessment
2. Evidence-based strategies, actions, or services
3. Proposed expenditures based on the projected resource allocation from the district to address the findings of the needs assessment, including identifying resource inequities, which may include a review of the district's budgeting, the LCAP, and school-level budgeting, if applicable

The school site council shall regularly monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the SPSA and modify any activities that prove ineffective. At least once per year, the principal or designee shall evaluate results of improvement efforts and report to the Board, school site council, and other interested parties regarding progress toward school goals.

The school site council may amend the SPSA at any time through the same process required for the annual update of the plan and through school site council.

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