

**Policy 651 - Community-School Involvement in Setting Goals, Evaluating Progress and Planning Improvements in the Instructional Program: District Educational Program Advisory Council**

- I. In compliance with M.S. 120.11, Subd. 3, the purpose of the District Educational Program Advisory Council is to provide for the combined planning of community and professional staff in curriculum planning and evaluation of the educational program, including state graduation standards.
- II. The Elementary and Secondary Curriculum Coordinators are responsible for the organization and functioning of the District Educational Program Advisory Council.
- III. Functions of the District Educational Program Advisory Council include the following:
  - A. Annually recommend goals related to curriculum, student achievement, and student services.
  - B. Evaluate progress toward their annual recommendations.
  - C. Report their annual recommendations and progress toward them to the entire school community.
- IV. The membership of the District Educational Program Advisory Council includes the following:
  - A. Parents / Guardians from each building's parent organization and/or site council.
  - B. Other community members.
  - C. High School students.
  - D. Classroom teachers.
  - E. Administrators and/or staff.
  - F. School Board representation.

To the extent possible, students, parents/guardians, and other community residents will make up the majority of the Council.
- V. The District Educational Program Advisory Council reports annually to the Superintendent, School Board, and general public.

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*Legal Reference:*

Policy 616 - School District System Accountability