

Bylaw 9200: Limits Of Board Member Authority

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The Governing Board recognizes that the Board is the unit of authority over the district and that a Board member has no individual authority. Board members shall hold the education of students above any partisan principle, group interest, or personal interest.

Unless agreed to by the Board as a whole, individual members of the Board shall not exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools or command the services of any school employee. Individual Board members shall submit requests for information to the Superintendent. Board members shall refer Board-related correspondence to the Superintendent for forwarding to the Board or for placement on the Board's agenda, as appropriate.

Individual Board members do not have the authority to resolve complaints. Any Board member approached directly by a person with a complaint should refer the complainant to the Superintendent or designee so that the problem may receive proper consideration and be handled through the appropriate district process.

A Board member whose child is attending a district school should be aware of his/her role as a Board member when interacting with district employees about his/her child. Because his/her position as a Board member may inhibit the performance of school personnel, the Board member should inform the Superintendent or designee before volunteering in his/her child's classroom.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of the state's open meeting laws (Brown Act) to each Board member and to anyone who is elected to the Board but has not yet assumed office.

Board members and persons elected to the Board who have not yet assumed office are responsible for complying with the requirements of the Brown Act. (Government Code 54952.1)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

Description

Ed. Code 200-270

[Prohibition of discrimination](#)

Ed. Code 35010

[Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules](#)

Ed. Code 35100-35351

[Governing boards](#)

Ed. Code 35160-35178.4

[Powers and duties](#)

Ed. Code 35291	Rules (power of governing board)
Ed. Code 35292	Visits to schools (Board members)
Ed. Code 51101	Rights of parents/guardians
Ed. Code 7054	Use of district property; campaign purposes
Gov. Code 54950-54963	The Ralph M. Brown Act
Gov. Code 54952.1	Member of a legislative body of a local agency
Gov. Code 54952.7	Copies of chapter to members of legislative body

Management Resources

CSBA Publication

Website

Website

Description

Professional Governance Standards

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

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Cross References

Code	Description
1160	Political Processes
1240	Volunteer Assistance
1240	Volunteer Assistance
1312.1	Complaints Concerning District Employees
1312.1	Complaints Concerning District Employees
1312.2	Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials
1312.2	Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials
1312.2-E(1)	Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials
1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.3-E(1)	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.3-E(2)	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.4	Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.4-E(1)	Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.4-E(2)	Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
1340	Access To District Records

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5020	<u>Parent Rights And Responsibilities</u>
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6159.1	<u>Procedural Safeguards And Complaints For Special Education</u>
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9000	<u>Role Of The Board</u>
9005	<u>Governance Standards</u>
9010	<u>Public Statements</u>
9011	<u>Disclosure Of Confidential/Privileged Information</u>
9012	<u>Board Member Electronic Communications</u>
9124	<u>Attorney</u>
9140	<u>Board Representatives</u>
9230	<u>Orientation</u>
9270	<u>Conflict Of Interest</u>
9270-E(1)	<u>Conflict Of Interest</u>
9322	<u>Agenda/Meeting Materials</u>
9323	<u>Meeting Conduct</u>
9323.2	<u>Actions By The Board</u>
9323.2-E(1)	<u>Actions By The Board</u>