

ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

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The School Board has a strong commitment to citizen participation. The Board appoints advisory committees to provide opportunities for citizens to advise the School Board on major issues pertaining to Alexandria schools.

The School Board shall appoint advisory committee members at regularly-scheduled Board meetings. The Board shall also establish a statement of purpose of the committee. Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Board of Education regulations, and federal law, the School Board will establish advisory committees for the following programs: school health, talented and gifted education, special education, and career and technical education. Other advisory committees may be established as the School Board chooses.

The Board will endeavor to make certain each committee's membership represents a cross-section of the public schools as well as representatives from the community at large. Composition of the School Board's advisory committees will be consistent with Code of Virginia, Board of Education regulations and any guidelines established by the State of Virginia.

Advisory Committee members shall be residents of the City of Alexandria or employees of the Alexandria City Public Schools or the City of Alexandria. The Board may waive the residency requirements on an individual basis for the Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee membership.

The School Board will publicly advertise committee membership openings. Members of these committees will serve without compensation. Members shall attend at least 75 percent of all meetings each year unless additional absences are excused by the Chairman of the committee. No committee membership shall exceed 18 members. Committee members are limited to three consecutive, two-year terms at a time and may reapply for appointment to a specific committee after not having served on that committee for two years.

The committees shall hold an organizational meeting in September or October of each year. At the organizational meeting, the committees shall elect a chairman and establish a meeting/work schedule. Each committee will meet at least four times during the school year or more often as necessary. Agendas will be provided to the School Board and the public through the Clerk of the Board at least three days in advance of meetings. The Superintendent shall provide reasonable staff support and assistance to advisory committees. Recommendations of these committees are advisory only. All final decisions rest solely with the Board. The committees shall submit to the School Board an annual report through the superintendent, including a record of meeting attendance by members.

For good cause shown, any advisory member may be removed from any advisory committee by a majority vote of the Board. The Board Chairman, or another member of the School Board designated by the Chairman, will contact or notify the member to discuss the situation before any action is taken. That committee member will, if requested, be provided the opportunity to address the Board.

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