

PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESS
DISTRICT-LEVEL

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PROCESS

The Board shall establish a procedure under which meetings are held regularly by the District-level planning and decision-making committee that includes representative professional staff, parents of students enrolled in the District, business representatives, and community members. The committee shall include a business representative, without regard to whether the representative resides in the District or whether the business the person represents is located in the District. The Board, or the Board's designee, shall periodically meet with the District-level committee to review the District-level committee's deliberations. *Education Code 11.251(b)*

ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEDURE

The Board shall ensure that the district-level planning and decision-making committee will be actively involved in establishing the administrative procedure that defines the respective roles and responsibilities pertaining to planning and decision-making at the district and campus levels. *Education Code 11.251(d)*

COMMITTEE

The Board shall adopt a procedure, consistent with Education Code 21.407(a) [see DGA], for the professional staff in the District to nominate and elect the professional staff representatives who shall serve on the District-level committee. At least two-thirds of the elected professional staff representatives must be classroom teachers. The remaining staff representatives shall include both campus- and District-level professional staff members.

Board policy must provide procedures for:

1. The selection of parents to the District-level committee.
2. The selection of community members and business representatives to serve on the District-level committee in a manner that provides for appropriate representation of the community's diversity.

Education Code 11.251(e)

Note: See BF for information on the committee's role in requesting waivers.

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of establishing the composition of committees:

1. A person who stands in parental relation to a student is considered a parent.
2. A parent who is an employee of the District is not considered a parent representative on the committee.
3. A parent is not considered a representative of community members on the committee.

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4. Community members must reside in the District and must be at least 18 years of age.

Education Code 11.251(c)

CONSULTATION

A Superintendent shall regularly consult the District-level committee in the planning, operation, supervision, and evaluation of the District educational program. *Education Code 11.252(f)*

DISTRICT
IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The District shall have a District improvement plan that is developed, evaluated, and revised annually, in accordance with District policy, by the Superintendent with the assistance of the District-level committee. The purpose of the District improvement plan is to guide District and campus staff in the improvement of student performance for all student groups in order to attain state standards in respect to the academic excellence indicators. *Education Code 11.252(a)* [See BQ]

DROPOUT
PREVENTION REVIEW

The District-level planning and decision-making committee shall analyze information related to dropout prevention, including:

1. The results of the audit of dropout records required by Education Code 39.055;
2. Campus information related to graduation rates, dropout rates, high school equivalency certificate rates, and the percentage of students who remain in high school more than four years after entering grade level 9;
3. The number of students who enter a high school equivalency certificate program and:
 - a. Do not complete the program,
 - b. Complete the program but do not take the high school equivalency examination, or
 - c. Complete the program and take the high school equivalency examination but do not obtain a high school equivalency certificate;
4. For students enrolled in grade levels 9 and 10, information related to academic credit hours earned, retention rates, and placements in disciplinary alternative education programs and expulsions under Chapter 37; and
5. The results of an evaluation of each school-based dropout prevention program in the District.

The District-level planning and decision-making committee shall use the information reviewed under this policy in developing District improvement plans.

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Education Code 11.255

CAMPUS INCENTIVE
PLAN

The District-level planning and decision-making committee must approve a campus incentive plan developed by each campus-level planning and decision-making committee or other campus-level decision-making body. The campus incentive plan must be submitted by the District on behalf of an eligible campus.

The Texas Education Agency may consider for approval only a campus incentive plan developed, approved, and submitted in accordance with Education Code 21.654 and 19 TAC 102.1071. [See BQB]

Education Code 21.654; 19 TAC 102.1071(c)

PUBLIC MEETINGS

The District-level committee established under Education Code 11.251 shall hold at least one public meeting per year. The required meeting shall be held after receipt of the annual District performance report from the agency for the purpose of discussing the performance of the District and the District performance objectives. District policy and procedures must be established to ensure that systematic communications measures are in place to periodically obtain broad-based community, parent, and staff input and to provide information to those persons regarding the recommendations of the District-level committee. This does not create a new cause of action or require collective bargaining. *Education Code 11.252(e)*