

Board Bylaws**LIMITS OF BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY**

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.

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. 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.

Board members and persons elected to the Board who have not yet assumed office are responsible for complying with the requirements of the state's open meeting laws. (Government Code 54952.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of the Brown Act to each Board member and to anyone who is elected to the Board and who has not yet assumed office.

Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE**

7054 Use of district property
35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
35100-35351 Governing boards, especially:
35160-35184 Powers and duties
35291 Rules
35292 Visits to schools (Board members)
51101 Rights of parents/guardians
GOVERNMENT CODE
54950-54962 The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially:
54952.1 Member of a legislative body of a local agency
54952.7 Copies of chapter to members of legislative body

Management Resources:**CSBA PUBLICATIONS**

CSBA Professional Governance Standards, 2000
Maximizing School Board Leadership: Boardmanship, 1996

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
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