



School Community Councils Policy Series: 7000 Community

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Purposes of Community Councils

The purposes of school community councils are to involve parents or guardians of students in decision making at the school level, improve the quality of education of students, prudently expend School LAND Trust Program money, and increase public awareness of school trust lands and related land policies, management of the State School Fund, and educational excellence.

Definitions:

Digital citizenship means the norms of appropriate, responsible, and healthy behavior related to technology use, including digital literacy, ethics, etiquette, and security.

Formation of School Community Councils

The Provo City School District Board of Education recognizes that parental participation is an essential component in school decision-making. ~~The Board of Education directs each school to establish and maintain a school community council for the purpose outlined in Utah Code referenced below.~~ Unless the board of education has granted an exemption as set out below in Exemption from Council Requirement, each school within the district shall, in consultation with the Board, establish a school community council at the school building level.

In general, community councils are formed to serve specific functions, namely the planning, development and implementation of school improvement and professional development plans for the purpose of increasing student achievement. A school or district administrator may not prohibit or discourage a community council from discussing issues, or offering advice or recommendations, regarding the school and its programs, school district programs, the curriculum, or the community environment for students.

~~In addition, the councils serve to advise and make recommendations to school and district administrators regarding other school and district programs. The board may ask school community councils for information to inform board decisions and may also ask school community councils to address local issues at the school community council level before bringing those issues to the board.~~ Nothing in this policy is meant to supersede the intent of [Utah Code 53G-7-1202](#) that authorizes School Community Councils.

The board shall report approval dates of required plans (listed below) to the State Board of Education.

Role

~~School Community Councils shall:~~

- ~~1. Develop a School LAND Trust Plan that must be focused at the school's most critical need to improve student achievement.~~
- ~~2. Assist in planning and implementation of staff development following district professional development guidelines.~~
- ~~3. Advise and make recommendations to the principal regarding School Improvement Plan, Safe Technology Use and Digital Citizenship, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), and Behavior Plans, and other school programs.~~
- ~~4. Approve the School Improvement Plan prior to submission to the Board of Education.~~

Duties of School Community Councils

Each school community council shall advise and make recommendations to the school, school district administrators, and the local school board regarding the school and its programs, school district programs, and other issues relating to the community environment for students. School community councils shall report on a plan at least annually to the board and shall cooperate with State Board of Education monitoring and audits.

Councils ~~may~~ **shall** also advise and inform the board and other members of the school community regarding the uses of School LAND Trust Program funds. They shall also encourage participation on the council and may recruit potential applicants to apply for open council positions. Councils shall establish clear written procedures which govern removal from office of members who move away or who consistently do not attend meetings, as well as additional

clarifications to assist in the efficient operation of the council consistent with the law and with board rule.

Each school community council shall also:

1. Create a School LAND Trust plan for the school in accordance with [§ 53G-7-1206](#) and as set out below; and
2. Advise and make recommendations to school and district administrators and the school board regarding the school and its programs and the district and its programs.
3. Develop and maintain a Safe Routes to School plan at each Elementary and Middle School in accordance with [§ 53G-4-402](#).
4. Advise and make recommendations for safe technology use and digital citizenship, the school's positive behaviors plan, and other issues relating to the community environment for students.

Each school community shall also provide for education and awareness on safe technology use and digital citizenship that empowers students to make smart media and online choices and students' parents or guardians to know how to discuss safe technology use with their students. To fulfill these duties, a school community council may create a subcommittee and may also partner with one or more non-profit organizations.

To assist the community council in fulfilling these responsibilities, the district and school shall provide the community council with an annual report that outlines the processes and steps the administration implements to provide a safe school environment, including a responsible and safe online experience for students and which includes the data and information necessary to engage the school community council in an annual discussion to fulfill its responsibilities. In addition, the principal shall annually provide the council with a report which summarizes the current safety principles and practices used by the district and school regarding technology and digital citizenship, including (1) information on internet filtering protocols for school and District devices which access the internet, (2) instructional practices, monitoring, and reporting procedures, and (3) and required internet safety training provided to a student and parent by the school or the district.

Legal References

[Utah Code § 53G-7-1202\(2\) \(2026\)](#)

[Utah Code § 53G-7-1202\(1\)\(d\), \(2\) \(2026\)](#)

[Utah Code § 53G-7-1202\(2\) \(2026\)](#)

[Utah Admin. Rules R277-491-7\(1\)\(b\)\(iii\), \(2\) \(February 9, 2026\)](#)

[Utah Code §53G-7-1202\(3\) \(2026\)](#)

[Utah Code § 53G-7-1202\(1\)\(a\), \(e\) \(3\)\(a\)\(iii\), \(b\)\(ii\) \(2026\)](#)

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