

## BP 8000 Concepts and Roles

Note: [AS 14.08.115](#) requires regional school boards to establish an advisory school board in each community with more than 50 permanent residents. Pursuant to [14.12.035](#), borough school districts may establish advisory school boards. [The advisory school boards referred to in Alaska Statute are identified as 'advisory school councils' in the District's policy manual.](#) The following sample policy is based on material from the Alaska Gateway School Districts may be revised or deleted to reflect district philosophy and needs.

The Advisory School Council functions under the direction of the School Board. School Board policy and actions shall prevail and be followed. The Advisory School Council's function is advisory except in those areas that have been specified by School Board.

*(cf. 8200 - Powers and Duties)*

*(cf. 9310 - Policy Manual)*

The Advisory School Council shall seek to learn the will of the people of the community and to represent their interests in actions taken by the Advisory School Council.

~~The purpose of the Advisory School Councils is to provide a method whereby citizens and educators can determine the attitudes and opinions which are held in the community. Such councils will have as their purpose improved communication and understanding between the home and school, and between the community and school district.~~

The Advisory School Board shall develop an effective working relationship with the school personnel, particularly the principal or designee. The administration and the Advisory School Board are expected to work together cooperatively for the betterment of the local school. This relationship should ideally be modeled on the relationship between the School Board and Superintendent or designee, i.e., the principal shall be the executive officer of the Advisory School Board and administrative head of all the parts of the school.

Each Advisory School Council shall determine terms of members, the meeting schedule, and rules for operation.

### Role of the Board

The School Board shall:

1. Establish Advisory School Councils where required by law and as deemed to be in the best interests of the ~~district~~[District](#).

2. Determine the membership and method of selection of Advisory School Councils.
3. Determine the powers and duties of Advisory School Councils.
4. Require that advisory school councils support the mission and goals of the District by communicating feedback to the regional board, including recommended responses and actions.

### **Role of the Superintendent or Designee**

The Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Supervise the conduct of elections of advisory school council members.
2. Oversee the operation of advisory school councils and report to the board regarding the relationship between advisory school boards and the schools.
3. Solicit and receive recommendations from the advisory school council.

*Legal Reference:*

#### ALASKA STATUTES

[14.08.115](#) Advisory School ~~Councils~~[Boards](#) in REAA

[14.12.035](#) Advisory School ~~Councils in borough school districts~~[Boards in Borough School Districts](#)

#### ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE ~~CODE~~[CODES](#)

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