

Denton ISD School Health Education Advisory Council

Purpose: The purpose of this council shall be to provide recommendations on health education and the health environment to the superintendent and school board of Denton Independent School District (DISD). These recommendations shall be supportive of the overall mission of DISD toward student success, and be inclusive of the eight components of a comprehensive school health program.

Mission: To ensure that our students are provided every opportunity to achieve life-long success by incorporating into the DISD learning environment a positive and comprehensive health structure including: health services; counseling, psychological and social services; health promotion for staff; family and community involvement; healthy school environment/policy; nutrition services; physical education; and comprehensive health education.

Motto: Healthy students make better learners.

Chairpersons: ~~This council shall be chaired by the Director of Health Services~~ This council shall be co-chaired by the Director of Health Services, a representative from the Department of Counseling Services, and 2 parent co-chairs who shall ensure adherence to the requirements of SB283 and shall report annually to the superintendent.

Membership: The DISD school board shall appoint members to the council to serve a minimum two-year term with a goal of half of the membership rotating off annually. Voting Members shall include a majority of persons who are parents of enrolled DISD students and who are not employed by the district. Total membership shall not be fewer than fourteen twelve voting members, nor more than twenty-four, and shall be representative of the Denton community to reflect various ethnicity, religious, social, and educational backgrounds.

Meetings: The council will meet at least twice four times per year, twice in the fall and twice in the spring, or more often if deemed necessary by current situations or requested by the superintendent and/or school board. These meetings are subject to open meeting laws, and shall be conducted by Robert's Rules of Order. The agenda shall be determined by the chairpersons, who will seek input from members. Notification of meetings shall be given by letter or email to each member at least two weeks prior to each biannual quarterly meeting, or by phone or email at least three days in advance of any called meetings.

Voting: One-half of members must be present for a vote to be taken. Motions may be approved by a simple majority of those present.

Officers and Committees: No designations at present other than chairperson and recording secretary, who shall be requested by the chairpersons.

Amendment: These by-laws may be amended by majority vote of quorum members after the presentation of suggested amendments are made in writing to all members two weeks prior to the meeting at which voting will take place.