

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD****SUBJECT: Role of the County Board of Education - Duties and Powers**

The Riverside County Board of Education derives its authority and exists under the California Constitution and acts of the legislature of the State of California and the regulations of the California State Board of Education.

The County Board of Education has broad authority to carry out activities and programs and is authorized to establish and finance any program or activity that is not in conflict with, inconsistent with or preempted by law and which is not in conflict with the purposes for which the County Board is established. (Education Code 35160).

The County Board of Education provides governance, leadership and citizen input for county educational programs and services over which it has responsibility and which are operated by the County Office of Education, including programs and services which may be provided to school districts and the community.

Major roles of the County Board include:

- Working with the County Superintendent to establish the direction and priorities for the Board's programs and activities through its budgetary responsibilities
- Providing countywide leadership on behalf of the County Office of Education and public education

**Duties of the County Board of Education**

- Adopt, evaluate and update policies consistent with the law and the County Board's vision and goals
- Adopt policies to ensure that a safe and appropriate educational environment is provided to all County Office of Education students
- Keep a record of its own proceedings
- Adopt the annual budget and review interim reports of the County Superintendent of Schools
- Review, as a scheduled agenda item at a regularly scheduled public meeting, the report of the annual audit provided for by the County Superintendent of Schools
- Conduct appeals on student expulsions and interdistrict transfers
- Fulfill statutory responsibilities in connection with charter schools
- Maintain a cooperative and supportive working relationship with local school districts, their school boards and the community
- Collaborate with the County Superintendent so that the shared vision, goals and policies of the County Office of Education can be implemented

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- Maintain accountability for student learning in schools and programs operated by the County Office of Education
- Fix the salary of the County Superintendent
- Review and/or disposal of personal property
- Conduct public hearings when appropriate
- Provide community leadership on educational issues and advocate on behalf of students and public education at the local, state and federal levels

**Powers of the County Board of Education**

- Adopt and use an official seal in authentication of its acts
- Have such printing done as may be necessary

**The County Board of Education may:**

- Adopt rules and regulations governing the administration of the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools
- Review and approve the County Superintendent of Schools' annual itemized estimate of anticipated revenue and expenditures
- Acquire, lease, lease-purchase, hold and convey real property for the purpose of housing the offices and services of the County Superintendent of Schools
- Contract with and employ any persons for the furnishing to the Board of special services and advice in financial, economic, accounting, engineering, legal, or administrative matters
- Fill by appointment any vacancy that occurs during the term of office of the County Superintendent of Schools
- Appoint subcommittees to support the Board in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

Legal Reference: Education

Code

- 1040 - Duties of County Board of Education 1041
- Powers of County Board of Education 1042 -
- Additional Powers
- 1043- Transfer of Functions from County Board of Supervisors
- 1047 - Eminent Domain
- 1080- Duties that may be transferred from County Board of Supervisors
- 12400 - Participation in Federal Programs
- 35160 - 35160.1 - Authority of Governing Boards

California Constitution

Article IX - 3.1(b) County Superintendent Salary