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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the school improvement council.

School improvement councils

In keeping with the letter and spirit of state law, the board directs that each school in the district establish a school improvement council. The school improvement councils will function within the guidelines set forth in the administrative rule following this policy as well as state law and regulations of the state board of education.

Each school council will be comprised of at least two parents, elected by the parents of the children enrolled in the school; at least two teachers, elected by the faculty; and at least two students in schools with grades nine and above, elected by the students. The principal will appoint additional members of the council from the community. The ratio of elected members to appointed members is two-third of the council. The council will also include ex-officio members such as the principal or other individuals holding positions of leadership in the school or other school organizations.

The school improvement council will actively participate in the development of the school plan as part of the school and district five-year comprehensive plans with annual updates required by Act 135 and in the district performance-based accountability system required by the Education Accountability Act of 1998.

State law does not create any legal authority on the part of the improvement councils or the members thereof to perform any of the duties or functions delegated by statute to the board or any of its employees.

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Legal references:

S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

[Section 59-20](#)-60 (3) and (6) - Improvement councils.

[Section 59-18](#)-900 (E) - Reporting.

[Section 59-18](#)-1300 - District accountability system.

[Section 59-18](#)-1510 (B) - Activities of external review committee.

[Sections 59-139](#)-10 - Long-range plan; school improvement councils.

State Board of Education Regulations:

[R-43-261](#) - District and school comprehensive planning.

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