

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Bylaws of the Board

BB 9000 (a)

ROLE OF THE BOARD

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education (the County Board) provides leadership and citizen oversight for educational programs and services operated by the County Office of Education (COE), including services provided to school districts and the community. The primary objectives of the County Board are to work with the County Superintendent of Schools to establish direction and priorities for the COE and to provide leadership necessary for the success of public education.

In fulfilling its objectives, it is the role of the County Board to:

1. Adopt and update policies for its own governance and for programs under the statutory authority of the County Board.
2. Ensure accountability for student learning in schools and programs under the statutory authority of the County Board.
3. Fulfill responsibilities related to the local control funding formula (LCFF), including adopting the COE local control and accountability plan or update and the LCFF budget overview for parents/guardians.
4. Provide community leadership on educational issues and advocate on behalf of students and public education at the local, state, and federal levels.
5. Collaborate with the County Superintendent to ensure implementation of the shared vision, goals, and policies of the COE.
6. Collaborate with the County Superintendent to ensure the provision of a safe and appropriate educational environment for all COE students.
7. Adopt the annual budget and review interim reports of the County Superintendent.
8. Fix the salary of the County Superintendent in accordance with law.
9. Adopt rules and regulations governing the administration of the office of the County Superintendent.
10. Acquire, lease, lease-purchase, hold, and convey real property for the purpose of housing the offices and the services of the COE.
11. Maintain a cooperative and supportive working relationship with local school districts, their school boards, and the community.

Role Of The Board (Continued)

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12. Conduct appeals on the following actions by district governing boards: student expulsions; interdistrict transfer requests; denials, nonrenewals, or revocations of charter school petitions; and other matters when required by law.
13. Conduct public hearings when appropriate.
14. Consider petitions and provide oversight for charter schools approved by the County Board and fulfill other statutory responsibilities in connection with charter schools

The County Board is authorized to establish, carry on, and finance any program or activity that is not in conflict with, inconsistent with, or preempted by law and does not conflict with the purposes for which the County Board is established. (Education Code 35160-35160).