

COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To involve the public in the promotion of the highest feasible standards of educational excellence in Washington County Public Schools, and in compliance with the legal requirement referenced below, the Board of Education has created a standing Board of Education advisory committee, known as the County Citizens Advisory Council. The Council shall be comprised of representative parents, businesspersons, and community leaders who are interested in studying the issues relating to the pursuit of educational excellence. The County Citizens Advisory Council serves as an advisory committee to the Board of Education.

THE CHARGE TO THE COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

1. Provide ongoing support for the school citizens advisory committees.
2. Coordinate the study of school system issues as requested by the Board of Education.
3. Make recommendations for school system improvements to the Board of Education.
4. Participate in school system comprehensive planning as requested by the Board of Education.
5. Foster understanding of Board of Education policies and initiatives within the general public.
6. Serve as a body to react to educational proposals being developed.
7. Encourage participation in school affairs by the citizens of Washington County.
8. Be available to assist the Board of Education in the promotion of program priorities to the school citizens advisory committees and to the general public.

MEMBERSHIP SPECIFICATIONS

The members of the County Citizens Advisory Council shall be appointed by the Board of Education. Membership on the County Citizens Advisory Council shall be limited to no more than 15 members of the community. One (1) of the voting members shall be a representative from the school principals, as designated by the superintendent on a rotating basis among the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Appointments shall consider representation from residents, parents, and businesses throughout the county, and community involvement. In addition to the chairperson, the Council shall have a vice-chairperson.

OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS

1. The Council will report to the Board of Education as requested.
2. The reports to the Board of Education shall focus on the following criteria of review:
 - a. School needs referred from school citizen advisory committees.
 - b. Results of issues studies.
 - c. Recommendations for school system improvements.
 - d. Consistency with the school system's current Master Plan, priorities, and policies.

Legal Reference: Section 4-112, *Annotated Code of Maryland*

Exhibit adopted: July 20, 1999. Revised: November 21, 2006. Revised: March 20, 2012.
Washington County Public Schools