

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD POLICY NO. 9000

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CLASSIFICATION: Board Bylaws

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SUBJECT: Duties and Powers

The duties and powers of the Board are derived from the Constitution of the State of California (Article 9, Section 7), the Education Code of the State of California, and the Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Education (Administrative Code, Title 5). Specific duties and powers of lay County Boards of Education are found in Sections 1040 through 1082 of the Education Code. Other specific powers and duties are scattered throughout the Education Code.

The County Board of Education provides leadership and citizen input for county educational programs and services operated by the county office of education, including services provided to school districts and the community. Major roles of the county board include:

1. Working with the County Superintendent of Schools to establish the direction and priorities for the county office through its budgetary responsibilities
2. Providing community leadership on behalf of the county office and public education

To fulfill these basic responsibilities, the County Board shall:

1. Maintain a cooperative and supportive working relationship with local school districts, their school boards and community.
2. Collaborate with the County Superintendent so that the shared vision, goals and policies of the county office can be implemented.
3. Adopt, evaluate and update policies consistent with the law and the County Board's vision and goals
4. Maintain accountability for student learning in schools and programs operated by the county office
5. Adopt the annual budget and review interim reports of the County Superintendent
6. Approve the salary of the County Superintendent
7. Review the real property audit and acquire or dispose of real property as necessary for county office schools and programs

8. Adopt policies to ensure that a safe and appropriate educational environment is provided to all county office students
9. Conduct appeals on student expulsions and inter-district transfers
10. Conduct public hearings when appropriate
11. Fulfill statutory responsibilities in connection with charter schools
12. Provide community leadership on educational issues and advocate on behalf of students and public education at the local, state and federal levels

The County Board 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).

Rules and regulations, not statutory in nature, may be adopted, amended, or repealed at any regular Board meeting by a majority vote of the Board.

Policies adopted by the Board shall be published in appropriate form and distributed as necessary to provide guidance to Board members' and Superintendent's staff.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

1040 et seq.	Article 2. Duties and responsibilities; county boards of education
1080	Transfer of Duties: Functions to County Board of Education
1240 et seq.	Article 2. Duties, responsibilities and general powers. County superintendent
35160 et seq.	Article 4. Authority of governing boards
47600-47616.5	Charter Schools Act of 1992, as amended

TITLE 5, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

17260 et seq.

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