









WHAT COUNCILS DO

This chart matches all council legal responsibilities with the kinds of decisions made by a proficient council.

OVERALL DECISION AREA	SPECIFIC COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES	
 School Improvement	Targets for closing achievement gaps School Improvement Plan (includes PD and budget items) School Safety Plan Ungraded primary program	
 Test Analysis and Planning	Test scores analysis Alignment with state standards (also under policy) Technology use (also under policy) Program evaluation (also under policy)	
 Professional Learning	Professional development/learning	
 Council Operations	Committee policy (also under policy) Frequency of and agenda for meetings	
 Council Training	3 hours of training for experienced members 6 hours of training for new members	
 Budget	Spending on staff (number of people employed) Spending for textbooks/instructional resources, instructional materials, and student support	
 Selection of Personnel	Consultation policy for vacancies (also under policy) Consultation before principal selects people to be hired Selection of new principal	
 Policies	Alignment with State Standards College-level/Advanced Courses (Secondary 6-12) Committees Consultation Curriculum Discipline & Classroom Management & Safety Emergency/Management Plan Enhancing Student Achievement Extracurricular Programs	Instructional Practices Instr. & Non-Instr. Staff Time Assignment Parental Involvement (Title 1 schools) Program Appraisal School Day & Week Schedule School Space Use Student Assignment Technology Utilization Wellness Writing

WHAT COUNCILS DO NOT DO

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ Run school on a day-to-day basis ⊗ Break state or federal laws ⊗ Risk health and safety ⊗ Risk lawsuits and break contracts ⊗ Spend money a school doesn't have | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ Create a successful school without strong support from the whole school community ⊗ Make decisions outside their areas of responsibility (for example, evaluate or fire staff, set salaries, raise taxes, set bus routes, assign students to schools, decide when to build new buildings, or pay utility bills) |
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