









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 RESPONSIBILITY	
 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Targets for closing achievement gaps › School Improvement Plan (includes PD and budget items) › School Safety Plan › Ungraded primary program 	
 TEST ANALYSIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Test scores analysis › Alignment with state standards (also under policy) 	
 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Professional development/learning 	
 COUNCIL OPERATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Committee policy (also under policy) › Frequency of and agenda for meetings 	
 COUNCIL TRAINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › 3 hours of training for experienced members › 6 hours of training for new members 	
 BUDGET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Spending on staff (number of people employed) › Consultation on spending for instructional materials and student support services 	
 SELECTION OF PERSONNEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Consultation before principal selects people to be hired (also under policy) › Consultation with Superintendent on selection of new principal (also under policy) 	
 POLICIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Alignment with State Standards › College-level/Advanced Courses (Secondary 6-12) › Committees › Consultation on personnel selection › Consultation on principal selection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Curriculum Responsibilities (including Writing Policy) › Discipline & Classroom Management & Safety › Emergency/Management Plan › Enhancing Student Achievement › Extracurricular Programs › Instructional Practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › 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

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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Consistent with board policy: SB 1 provides that most school council policies shall be “consistent with local board policy” and help the school meet schoolwide and district goals. This does not mean that the school board dictates what the SBDM policy says. Rather, the SBDM policy must not conflict with areas in which the board has authority or jurisdiction such as funding, budget, and personnel matters.