

BOARD OF EDUCATION PROTOCOLS

The purpose of these protocols is to provide a basic set of professional standards by which the Board and the Superintendent are to function as a team. There is no intention to abridge the rights and obligations of Board Members to oversee the operation of the organization, nor to interfere with the Superintendent with her role as the Superintendent of OUSD.

General

1. Every action by a Board Member should be directed toward improving the educational program for students.
2. Every Board Member will exhibit behavior that is honorable, honest, and dedicated to the success of the students and staff of the district.
3. Each Board Member is to be treated with dignity and respect.
4. Board Member Commitment will include:
 - Participate fully in the discussion of issues
 - Listen respectfully to all views and opinions
 - Respect each individual's opinion
 - Accept the majority action of the Board

Board Member

5. An individual Board Member will not use the media as a personal forum, unless it is clearly indicated that the opinion is personal and not representative of the Board majority position.
6. Each Board Member will make every effort to attend all Board meetings in person; and to start and end on time.
7. Board Members will ensure opportunities for each to comment

Superintendent

8. Staff is the responsibility of the Superintendent who will bring recommendations to the Board for action.
9. Questions regarding Board agenda items are to be communicated to the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting and the Superintendent will respond in a timely manner.
10. The Superintendent is to communicate all significant administrative actions to the Board.
11. Legal and personnel matters will be confidential.