

KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OFFICE**COMMUNITY RELATIONS****CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

The Superintendent recognizes that citizen advisory committees enable both citizens and educators to better understand the attitudes and opinions held in the school and community.

As the need arises, the Superintendent may establish citizen advisory committees to consider school programs, needs, and issues. Such committees shall serve in an advisory capacity and shall not act as policy-making bodies.

Committee members shall represent a cross-section of the community, except in those cases where committee expertise or insight is needed to address the needs of a particular segment of the school community.

Citizen advisory committees established by the Superintendent as required by state open meeting laws shall provide public notice of their meetings and conduct such meetings in public.

The Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office may allocate funds for the use of advisory committees. Within budget allocations, the Superintendent or designee may approve requests for travel associated with the charge of the committee and reimburse committee members for reasonable and necessary expenses at the same rates and under the same conditions as those provided to Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office employees.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 1040 et seq. Duties, powers of boards
- 1240 et seq. General duties (Superintendent)
- 1260 Powers to promote advancement of education
- 35172 Promotional activities
- 44032 Travel expense payment
- 44033 Automobile allowance

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 54850-54961 Meetings