



**NORTH ALLEGHENY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SECTION:	COMMUNITY
TITLE:	CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ADOPTED:	11/18/15
REVISED:	

905 – CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Section 1. Purpose

The North Allegheny School Board will rely on various advisory committees to counsel it as one means of discerning the needs and desires of the North Allegheny School District and its residents. The central purpose of all advisory committees is to contribute to the educational program by conducting studies, identifying problems, and developing recommendations that will enhance the effectiveness of the decision-making process. The ultimate authority to make decisions will continue to reside in the powers and duties of the School Board as imposed by law.

Section 2. Authority

- a. The Citizens' Advisory Committee is a committee of this nature consisting of no fewer than 25 permanent members, but the Board shall have the power in its sole discretion to temporarily increase the size of the committee when the nature, scope, and complexity of the subject matter said committee is to act upon makes such increase advisable.
- b. The Citizens' Advisory Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the School Board and shall have no decision-making power.

Section 3. Guidelines

- a. When creating an advisory committee, the Board shall:
 - 1. Define the committee's assignment.
 - 2. Appoint a Chairperson and a Recording Secretary.
 - 3. Appoint residents who are interested and can make some special contribution to the committee's function.
 - 4. Approve appointment of residents, staff members, and/or students recommended by the Superintendent.

5. Seek the widest range of community interest and backgrounds.

b. The committees duties shall be to:

1. Provide two-way communications between the citizens and the Board for the benefit of the school-community.
2. Inform the Board of the views of the citizens on matters of current interest.
3. Provide information, opinions, and recommendations which would be helpful to the Board.
4. Enable the Board to draw upon the resources of the community in making studies of various issues, programs, and concerns within the District.

c. Recommendations of advisory committees shall not reduce the responsibility of the Board, which shall be free to accept or reject the recommendations.

d. Meetings of an advisory committee are not regular meetings of the Board and shall be open to the public only upon invitation of the committee.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510

Replaces Policy:

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