

KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD BYLAWS

ROLE OF THE BOARD

The County Board of Education provides leadership and citizen oversight for educational programs and services operated by the county office of education (COE), including services provided to school districts and the community. The primary objective of the County Board is to work with the County Superintendent of Schools to establish the direction and priorities for the COE and to provide leadership to support the success of public education.

To fulfill its objective, the County Board shall:

1. Collaborate with the County Superintendent to ensure implementation of the shared vision, goals, and policies of the COE.
2. Adopt and update policies for its own governance and for programs under the statutory authority of the County Board.
3. Ensure accountability for student learning in schools and programs under the statutory authority of the County Board.
4. Adopt the annual budget and review interim reports of the County Superintendent.
5. Fix the salary of the County Superintendent in accordance with law and Board Bylaw 9500.
6. Acquire, lease, lease-purchase, hold and convey real property for the purpose of housing the offices and the services of the COE.
7. Along with the County Superintendent, ensure the provision of a safe and appropriate educational environment for all COE students.
8. Conduct appeals on the following actions by district governing boards: student expulsions; interdistrict transfer requests; denials, nonrenewals, or revocations of charter school petitions; and other matters when required by law.
9. Maintain a cooperative and supportive working relationship with local school districts, their school boards, and the community.
10. Conduct public hearings when appropriate.

11. Fulfill responsibilities relating to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), including adopting the COE local control and accountability plan (LCAP) and any revisions and updates to it.
12. Consider petitions and provide oversight for charter schools approved by the County Board and fulfill other statutory responsibilities in connection with charter schools.
13. Provide community leadership on educational issues and advocate on behalf of students and public education at the local, state, and federal levels.

The County Board is authorized to establish, carry on, and finance any program or activity that is not in conflict with, inconsistent with, or preempted by law and does not conflict with the purposes for which the County Board is established.
(Education Code 35160-35160.1)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 1040 Duties and responsibilities; county boards of education
- 1042 County boards; authority
- 1240 Duties of county superintendent
- 1279 Disposal of personal property
- 1280 Budget revisions
- 33319.5 Implementation of authority of local agencies
- 35160 Authority of county boards
- 35160.1 Authority of county boards; legislative intent
- 47600-47616.5 Charter Schools Act of 1992, as amended
- 48919 Expulsion and appeals to county board
- 52066-52068 Adoption of local control and accountability plan