

## **Austin Independent School District Overview of District Advisory Bodies**

AISD maintains several standing (ongoing) advisory bodies, as well as some ad hoc (limited time) advisory bodies. These groups provide an important source of stakeholder input to the administration and the Board. Attached is an at-a-glance summary of the standing AISD advisory bodies.

District Policy BDF(Local) assigns the administration of each advisory body to either the Superintendent or the Board, and provides standards and expectations for all AISD advisory bodies, including websites, formal bylaws (for standing advisory bodies) or charters (for ad hoc advisory bodies), open meetings, and biennial sunset reviews. Although each advisory body has its own specialized staff assigned to it for support, the Superintendent ensures that a Coordinator of District Advisory bodies provides general oversight for implementation of policy BDF(Local).

There is a main website for all district-level advisory bodies, at: <http://www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies>. This “umbrella” website includes:

- Links to individual websites for all district advisory bodies
- Standard application form
- Guidelines for visitors and public comments
- Work of previous district advisory bodies
- Resources for advisory body coordinators

The membership lists for advisory bodies, included on each of their websites, note any vacancies. Persons interested in serving on one or more district-level advisory bodies are invited to complete and submit an online application. The Coordinator enters this information into a database, which is available to the support staff for all advisory bodies when they are looking to fill vacancies.

There are a couple of important points to keep in mind:

- Even if there are currently no vacancies, interested persons are encouraged to still submit an application should vacancies arise, which is often the case.
- Submitting an application in itself does not guarantee service on a district advisory body. In many cases, advisory bodies are seeking representation for specific geographic areas (such as vertical teams or Trustee



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districts), specific membership categories (such as parents or business members), or specific experience or expertise.

Please note that if you are interested in serving on a Campus Advisory Council (CAC), there is a separate process. There is a CAC membership application form on the CAC webpage at: <http://www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/cac>. Completed CAC application forms are submitted directly to individual campus offices. Please consult the CAC website for more information.

In accordance with policy BDF(Local), all regular business meetings of AISD advisory bodies are open to the public. In addition to observing, persons wishing to attend a regular meeting of an advisory body may sign up to speak during public comments and/or fill out a written comment card. Please consult the guidelines available on the main website.

For questions about specific advisory bodies, the contact information for the assigned support staff is available on the individual websites. For general questions, the Coordinator of District Advisory Bodies is Mrs. Stephanie McGraw, who may be contacted at: [stephanie.mcgraw@austinisd.org](mailto:stephanie.mcgraw@austinisd.org).



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Advisory Body and Coordinator	Description	Responsibility
Advocacy Advisory Committee (AAC)	The purpose of the Advocacy Advisory Committee is to assist the district in advancing its legislative priorities at the local, state and federal level. The Committee's advocacy shall be in alignment with the district's priorities, as adopted by the Board of Trustees.	Board of Trustees
Campus Advisory Council (CAC)	To provide guidance and counsel at the campus level on a wide range of issues, and to provide input into development of Campus Improvement Plan	Superintendent
Career and Technology Education Advisory Committee (CTEAC)	To provide assistance to and promote the development of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs to meet the needs of students, business and industry and the community.	Superintendent
Community Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC)	To provide a public perspective in ensuring that bond programs and projects remain faithful to the intent and scope of work approved by voters.	Board of Trustees
District Advisory Council (DAC)	To provide advice and counsel to the district on a wide range of issues, and to provide input into development of the District Improvement Plan.	Superintendent
Equity Advisory Council (EAC)	The EAC is an advisory group of individuals who represent different segments of the community. The EAC is made up of parents, community members, students, and district staff working together to achieve equitable outcomes for all students and families through coordinated efforts	Superintendent
Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC)	To provide guidance and counsel on a broad range of matters related to environmental awareness, education, conservation, and sustainability.	Superintendent
Head Start Policy Council (HSPC)	The Head Start Pre-K3 Policy Council is a parent and community lead advisory board that provides guidance to the AISD Head Start Pre-K3 programs.	Superintendent
Multilingual Education Advisory Committee (MEAC)	To develop understanding of the needs of ELLs, and to provide advice and counsel on ELL programs and services.	Superintendent
School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)	To provide guidance and counsel on issues related to student and staff health and well-being.	Board of Trustees

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School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC)	To develop and implement emergency plans, consistent with the district multi-hazard emergency operations plan, to ensure that specific campus, facility and support services needs are addressed.	Superintendent
Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)	To develop understanding of students with special needs, and to provide advice and counsel on special education programs and services.	Superintendent