

# Local School Governance Teams



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As part of Charter System status, Tift County Schools are establishing a Local School Governance Team at each of the K-12 schools. The goal of these teams is to bring communities and schools closer together in a spirit of cooperation to solve difficult education problems, improve academic achievement, provide support for teachers and administrators, and bring parents and community members into the school-based decision-making process.

## *What are Local School Governance Teams?*

The LSGT will serve as the advisory board for its school. It will work with the administration just as the Tift County Board of Education works with the school district as a whole.

## *Who can be a part of the teams?*

Each school team will be made up of eight members including the school principal, two parents/guardians, two business/community members, two teachers and one staff member. Parents/guardians must have a child attending the school they represent. Terms will be staggered to create continuity.

## *What kind of decisions will the teams make?*

The Teams will guide decisions about communication, parent involvement, budgets, resource allocation, school improvement, personnel matters and others.

## *What is required of the teams?*

Each team must meet a minimum of six times per year to conduct school business. Members of the team are also required to understand, agree to and sign an assurances form stating they will adhere to the code of ethics and conflict of interest guidelines. All team members will go through training to better understand school budgets, policies and procedures.

## *How do I get involved?*

Anyone interested in being a part of a school governance team should contact the school principal. Parent and teacher positions are elected by their peers and will go through a nomination and election process. Other positions are approved by the principal and/or the school governance team.

## *Need more information?*

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