

## WHAT ADVISORY COUNCILS SHOULD DO...

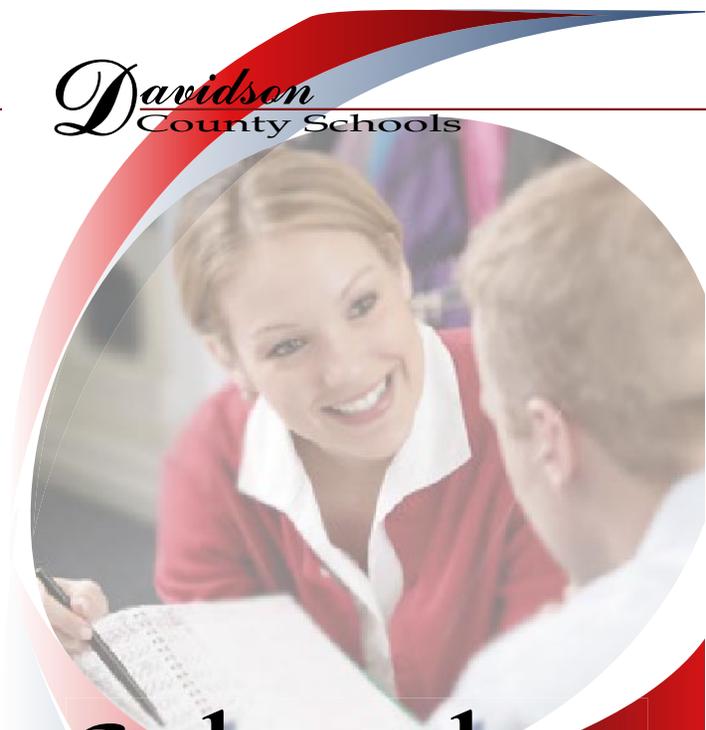
- Serve as advisor, supporter, and constructive critic regarding school matters
- Become familiar with school programs and functions.
- React to issues as a collective body rather than as individual members.
- Gather information pertinent to the needs of students.
- Communicate closely with legally responsible officials such as the principal, concerning matters relevant to children in their charge.
- Regularly attend Advisory Council meetings.
- Meet periodically with:
  - professional staff members
  - Other school committees
  - PTO/PTA officers
  - System-wide committees
  - Special interest groups within the community

## WHAT ADVISORY COUNCILS SHOULD NOT DO...

- Involve itself in personnel matters or individual student problems.
- Get involved as a body in fund-raising or fund-directing activities.
- Become a negatively-oriented pressure group.
- Assume authority for direct action or decision making within the school.
- Become involved as a body in political issues or campaigns.

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# School Advisory Councils

“Linking School and Community”

# WHAT IS A SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL?

Each school within the Davidson County school district has an Advisory Council.

A School Advisory Council is comprised of five members appointed by the Davidson County Board of Education. Advisory Councils serve schools in an advisory capacity and act as a liaison between the Board of Education and citizens.

Councils interpret, review, and study relevant school matters for both individual school and total system programs.

## DAVIDSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

The selection, organization, and operation of Advisory Councils within the Davidson County Schools are specified within School Board policies. This brochure is an overview of the Davidson County School Board Policy, Section 1.3 available on the Davidson County School Web site: [www.davidson.k12.nc.us](http://www.davidson.k12.nc.us)



## WHO SERVES AND FOR HOW LONG?

Advisory Council members must reside in the school area which they serve. Members are appointed for one to three year terms by the Board of Education at the first regular school board meeting in April. Members may be reappointed and serve as many as nine consecutive years. Only one member of a household (wife, husband, parents, sisters, brothers, or children) shall be eligible to serve as a member of an advisory council at the same time.

## WHEN DO ADVISORY COUNCILS MEET?

A minimum of five meetings is required each year. Councils may hold additional meetings if they desire. A chairperson and secretary are elected each year.

Advisory Councils are subject to the Open Meetings law, the same as elected boards, because they are appointed by an elected board.

All meetings are open to the public. The superintendent requires all meetings to be held at school facilities so the public may easily attend. Minutes of meetings are required and open to public inspection.

Dates of meetings should be available in each principal's office, on the school's Web site, in the school newsletter and through other general means of school communication.