

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this association is: Ocean Studies Charter School School Advisory Council. In these bylaws, Ocean Studies Charter School School Advisory Council may be referred to as "SAC."

ARTICLE II: GOALS AND PURPOSE

The goals and purpose of SAC are:

- a. To provide parents, teachers, students, and the community an opportunity to actively participate in the development of education priorities, assessment of the schools' needs and development of a School Improvement Plan (SIP).
- b. To bring into closer relation the school, home, and community so that parents, teachers, and community members may cooperate in a positive way for the education of students.
- c. To act as an advisory body to the principal.
- d. Provide a liaison between the school, school organizations, and the neighborhood community.
- e. To provide an environment that is drug free and protects students' health, safety, and civil rights in the home, school, and community.
- f. To assist the School Board in providing a learning environment conducive to teaching and learning that includes sequential instruction in mathematics, science, reading, and writing, and the social sciences and appropriate educational materials, equipment, and teacher-pupil ratio.
- g. To ensure that students compete at the highest levels nationally and internationally and are prepared to make well-reasoned, thoughtful, and healthy life-long decisions.
- h. To positively impact student achievement by empowering the community and school personnel to be involved in shared decision making.
- i. To encourage respect for the rights and dignity of others, to appreciate individual and cultural differences, and to enhance the sensitivity necessary for effective interpersonal relationships.
- j. To teach an understanding of acceptable and responsible behavior which encompasses a respect for school and social values and the readiness to assume the duties and rights of a democratic society.

- k. To impart an understanding of the significance and responsibilities of the family and of parental obligation to the educational process.

ARTICLE III: POLICY

The following are the basic policies of SAC:

- a. SAC shall comply with Florida's Open Government laws which may be referred to as the "Sunshine" Laws. Some of the "Sunshine" Laws requirements include but are not limited to:
- Council meetings are publically noticed
 - Open to the public
 - Include public participation
 - Council records (minutes, bylaws, attendance, and correspondence) are open and available to the public
 - Council members discussion outside the public council meetings pertaining to council issues are subject to Florida Open Government Laws
- b. SAC shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan
- c. SAC or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used in any connection with a commercial concern or with any partisan interest or for any purpose not appropriately related to the objectives of SAC
- d. SAC shall not, directly or indirectly, participate or intervene (in any way, including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; or devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities in attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise.
- e. SAC shall work with the school to provide quality education for all children and youth and participate in the decision-making process establishing school policy, recognizing that the legal responsibilities to make decisions has been delegated by the people to boards or education.
- f. SAC shall deal with issues and policy rather than individuals.

ARTICLE IV: DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

The Ocean Studies Charter School School Advisory Council shall exercise the following duties and obligations:

- a. Perform all the functions of SAC as prescribed by the regulations of Florida statutes and/or the School Board. SAC shall not have any of the powers and duties preserved by law to the School Board.

- b. Assist in the approval and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan (SIP), and modifications thereto.
- c. Assist with determining and approving how all school improvement funds expenditures are spent either through a budget process or individual expenditures in support of the SIP as provided by regulation of the School Board and Florida Law. (ss24.102)
- d. Assist in the preparation of the school's annual budget and plan as required by s. 1008.385(1).
- e. Assist in the determination of how the Florida School Recognition funds are spent jointly with the school's staff when the school is financially rewarded (ss1008.36).
- f. Recognize the Principal as the final authority for all school-based decisions except as to functions specifically provided for SAC by regulation of the School Board or Florida Law.
- g. Ensure that SAC is composed of teachers, staff, students, parents, and other citizens who are representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic communities served by the school.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERS AND ELECTION