



The Washington State Board of Education

An education system where students are engaged in personalized education pathways that prepare them for civic engagement, careers, postsecondary education, and lifelong learning.

State Board of Education Legislative Committee Charter

Purpose

The State Board of Education Legislative Committee will serve in advisory capacity to both the Executive Committee and full board. The purpose of Legislative Committee is to provide guidance on legislative positions, develop the Board's annual legislative platform and year-round advocacy plan, and advise the Executive Committee and Director of Policy and Partnership during the legislative session.

Membership

The membership of the Legislative Committee shall comprise of up to, and no more than, seven (7) members of the State Board of Education. Members will be self-selected from the full board with the board chair approving final membership and appointing members in instances of too few or too many members. The chair of the Legislative Committee will be elected from the committee membership at the May board meeting. Membership status will be reviewed annually by May of each year.

Meetings

Meetings of the Legislative Committee will take place throughout the year in order to fulfill committee duties and responsibilities. The committee shall meet in person at least twice throughout the year. All other meetings may take place remotely.

Duties and Responsibilities

In performing its responsibilities, the Legislative Committee shall;

- Represent the full board in all their duties.
- Review all potential legislative priorities prior to the September board meeting.
- Engage with partners and review legislative platforms and priorities to recommend positions the Board may wish to support.
- Recommend legislative priorities to the full Board for November consideration/adoption.
- Propose agenda items and topics to the Executive Committee and staff to ensure the Board has the opportunity for thoughtful discussion and to learn from partner organizations about their priorities and emerging issues.
- Assist in the creation of a year-round legislative advocacy plan.
- Galvanize Board members to maximize collective and individual relationships and expertise.
- Advise Executive Committee, Executive Director and Director of Advocacy and Engagement during legislative sessions, to support nimble and strategic advocacy.
- Identify of Board members to testify during legislative session.
- Act as the go-to body for the Executive Director and the Director of Advocacy and Engagement during the legislative session in response to rapidly evolving legislative issues.