

Academy Online High School

School Accountability Committee Guide



In accordance with:

- Academy District 20 Administrative Policy AE School Accountability for Enhanced Student Performance
- Academy District 20 Administrative Policy AE R Commitment to School Improvement Accountability for Student Academic Achievement
- Colorado Revised Statute (CRS) Title 22 Education, Article 11 Educational Accountability, Part 4 School Accountability (22-11-401 & 402)

The mission of Academy Online, a virtual learning community, is to meet the diverse needs of all students through interactive and innovative learning opportunities in a safe and engaging teacher-directed environment that equips students with the knowledge, character, and life-long learning skills to become exceptional citizens.

Committee Purposes

The Academy Online School Accountability Committee is...

- An accountability committee
- A group that recommends to the principal school priorities for spending school moneys
- A group that advised the principal regarding the preparation of a school performance or improvement plan
- A place to discuss whether school leadership, personnel, and infrastructure are advancing or impeding implementation of the school's improvement plan
- A place to provide input and recommendations on an advisory basis to the District Accountability Committee (DAC)
- A place to learn about educational standards and school improvement
- A place to build relationships
- A place to celebrate school success
- A group that helps the school make a difference for kids

The Academy Online School Accountability Committee is Not...

- A smaller version of the school board
- A place to evaluate school personnel
- A group that makes hiring and firing recommendations
- A forum for individual complaints
- A place to solve every educational problem

Committee Powers and Duties

- (1) Each school accountability committee shall have the following powers and duties:
 - (a) To recommend to the principal of its school priorities for spending school moneys. The principal shall consider the school accountability committee's recommendations regarding spending state, federal, local, or private grants and any other discretionary moneys and take them into account in formulating budget requests for presentation to the local school board, if the school is a district public school, other than a charter school, or in creating the school budget if the school is a district or institute charter school. The school accountability committee for a district public school shall send a copy of its recommended spending priorities to the school district accountability committee and to the local school board.
 - (b) To advise the principal of the public school and, in the case of a district public school, the superintendent of the school district concerning the preparation of a school performance or improvement plan, if either is required pursuant to section 22-11-210, and to submit recommendations to the principal, and superintendent if applicable, concerning the contents of the performance or improvement plan;
 - (c) To advise the local school board or the institute concerning the preparation of a school priority improvement or turnaround plan, if either is required pursuant to section 22-11-210, and to submit recommendations to the local school board or the institute concerning the contents of the priority improvement or turnaround plan;
 - (d) To meet at least quarterly to discuss whether school leadership, personnel, and infrastructure are advancing or impeding implementation of the public school's performance, improvement, priority improvement, or turnaround plan, whichever is applicable, or other progress pertinent to the public school's accreditation contract with the local school board or the institute;
 - (e) To provide input and recommendations on an advisory basis to district accountability committees and district administration concerning:
 - (I) Principal development plans for their principal pursuant to section 22-9-106; and
 - (II) Principal evaluations conducted pursuant to section 22-9-106.

Committee members shall also serve as the communication link to the AOHS community. Personnel issues are not in the purview of this Committee's role.

Committee Norms

The Building Accountability Advisory Committee shall adhere to agreed-upon Committee norms as follows

- Meetings shall be at least quarterly
- Meetings will follow the scheduled agenda as reasonably as possible
- Meetings may take place in-person or virtually, synchronously or asynchronously
- All perspectives are welcomed

Democratic Process for School Improvement

We will actively recruit members a fair representation of the AOHS community in compliance with membership requirements, as determined by policy and statute. The opportunity to serve on the SAC will be publicized through the usual public means of communications.

Committee Creation, Qualifications, and Elections

- (1) (a) Each district public school and each institute charter school shall establish a school accountability committee. Each school accountability committee shall consist of at least seven members as follows:
 - (I) The principal of the school or the principal's designee;
 - (II) At least one teacher who provides instruction at the school;
 - (III) At least three parents or legal guardians of students enrolled in the school;
 - (IV) At least one adult member of an organization of parents, teachers, and students recognized by the school; and
 - (V) At least one person from the community.
- (2) The members of each school accountability committee shall annually select from among the parent representatives elected to the committee a member to serve as chair or co-chair of the committee.
- (3) If a vacancy arises on a school accountability committee because of a member's resignation or disqualification or for any other reason, the remaining members of the school accountability committee shall fill the vacancy by majority action.
- (4) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary:
 - (a) If, after making good-faith efforts, a principal or an organization of parents, teachers, and students is unable to find a sufficient number of persons who are willing to serve on the school accountability committee, the principal, with advice from the organization of parents, teachers, and students, may establish an alternative membership plan for the school accountability committee, which plan shall reflect the membership specified in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section as much as practicable;

Meetings

All meetings of the AOHS SAC are open to the public. Meetings will be held quarterly and minutes will be posted accordingly.

Attendance

Committee members shall have the responsibility to participate in all meetings. In the event a member cannot participate in a meeting; the member should notify the chair, co-chair or the principal or principal's designee.

Communication

At the beginning of the school year, the meeting dates for the year will be published. Minutes of each meeting shall be available to the public.

School Improvement Accountability Process

The School Advisory Accountability Committee will review the results of the previous school improvement plan and provide recommendations to the principal regarding new goals for school improvement.

The plan will be communicated to the school community. The principal will report progress to the community annually.

Ad Hoc Membership

The AOHS School Accountability Committee may make use of ad hoc membership consisting of representatives from the student body, professional staff, parents, and patrons and other such volunteers who can help the committee accomplish purposes.

Academy Online High School SAC Role Descriptions

Chair & Co-Chair

- Preside over AOHS SAC all meetings in cooperation with the Co-Chair
- Attend District Accountability Committee meetings in cooperation with the Co-Chair
- Respond to the reporting and informational requests that may be made by District Accountability Committee (DAC)
- Submit information deemed appropriate as determined by the SAC to the DAC

Committee Members

- Address the Committee Powers and Duties
- Participate in all meetings