

SCHOOL COMMITTEE LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS TO SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS

The duties and powers of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District School Committee are as conferred and prescribed by law. The School Committee is a legislative-policymaking body that is responsible for the development and adoption of policy. The implementation of policies is an administrative task to be performed by the Superintendent of Schools and his/her staff, who are to be held responsible for the effective administration and supervision of the entire district.

The School Committee acts as a whole; no member of the School Committee, as an individual, has the right to exercise the authority of the School Committee unless specifically designated to do so by a resolution duly adopted by the School Committee.

The role of a School Committee member is oriented around policy development. It is important that each School Committee member has an understanding of the District's programs and processes. Knowledge of and comfort with the District's processes enables School Committee members to most effectively execute their responsibility as policy overseers. Knowledge of the processes is the most complete and fundamental means to understanding the system and insuring that the system is operating in the most effective way.

A most effective way to gain an understanding of District processes is through the role of School Committee Liaison. This role provides individual understanding based upon observation at the school/program level. Each School Committee member will receive a liaison assignment through appointment by the School Committee at the annual School Committee retreat in August. The liaison term will be for one year and shall rotate among members of the School Committee so as to insure that each School Committee member has equal visibility to the District's processes through each school/program.

At least twice per year, each school/program in the District shall be visited by the School Committee member appointed as liaison for that school/program in order to familiarize themselves with their liaison school/program. Whenever possible, School Committee members will not be appointed liaisons in schools/programs where their own child(ren) is/are in attendance.