

# LMCMS Site Council

## Who is on Site Council?

A site council should represent the building's various demographic and stakeholder groups. There should be 6 to 12 members, and non-staff membership should exceed staff membership.

Members could include:

- Principal
- Teachers and other school personnel
- Parents of students attending the school
- Business representatives (LEAP Partners)
- Representatives of community groups affiliated with the school

## Purpose of a Site Council

Site councils have the following responsibilities:

- Provide advice and counsel to the school in developing, implementing, and evaluating school improvement efforts
- Provide ongoing support for the students and staff of the school
- Make recommendations to the local board of education regarding budgetary matters
- Assist the local school board in analyzing the unique environment of schools, enhance the efficiency, and maximize limited resources
- Advocate for the educational needs of their community

## Goals

Effective site councils focus on the issues, needs, and goals at the school and how the school is aligning its work to support the overarching goals of the school district and board.

LMCMS Site Council helps the Building Leadership Team evaluate building goals that relate to the overall goals of the district outlined in the KESA (Kansas Education Systems Accreditation) Vision for Education:

**Relationships**  
**Relevance**  
**Responsive Culture**  
**Rigor**

The work of the site council is advisory only. Site council makes recommendations regarding the school, not policy or management decisions.

## The legislation

In 1992, the KS legislature enacted a state statute (KSA 72-6439) that instituted the Quality Performance Accreditation (QPA) system. As part of the accreditation process under QPA, all schools must establish site councils. The adoption of the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) in 2016 reemphasizes the important role building site councils have as a support and guidance body for building level improvement, which in turn improves the entire school district system.