



San Diego Unified School District

Office of the Deputy Superintendent
 Federal and Special Programs Division
 Program Monitoring Department

THE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL IS:

A decision-making group that provides governance and oversight of the academic planning and budgeting process associated with the Single Plan for Student Achievement.

THE SSC IS NOT:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A school management committee. A policy-making body. A political organization. An extension of the PT(S)A or Site Governance Team. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A grievance committee. A fund-raising organization. A social group. A personnel committee. |
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SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MYTH OR FACT?

MYTH	FACT
The SSC is an advisory group only.	The SSC is a decision-making group that is required under California Education Code and SDUSD policy.
The SSC and the Site Governance Team may be combined.	These are two entities with different functions and membership requirements. Although members may serve on both, the SSC and SGT must be individual committees, with separate agendas and minutes.
The principal is a non-voting member of the SSC.	The principal has one vote.
The principal has veto power over SSC decisions.	The principal is responsible for implementing the SPSA as approved by the SSC, and he/she may not veto SSC decisions.
Operational issues and student discipline come under the SSC's purview.	The SSC oversees the SPSA and categorical budgets associated with it. Unrelated issues must be resolved in another forum.
The "other" position is filled by a classified employee, and only classified employees vote for the "other" staff member.	The "other" position is any NON-classroom teacher. This includes certificated as well as classified persons. "Other" staff members must elect "other" candidates.
The union representative is an automatic member of the SSC.	The union representative may serve on the SSC; however, he/she must be elected by peers.
SSC meetings are for SSC members only; guests must be invited.	The SSC is a public entity, and meetings must be open to the public. However, SSC meetings are not public meetings; the public does not have the right to participate <u>in</u> the meeting. Non-members are guests and may speak during the "Public Forum" section of the agenda.
SSC records are for school use only.	SSC records should be maintained in the SSC Notebook and the Notebook should be made available for public review upon request. The public may also ask for copies of documents.
Roundtable is an appropriate SSC agenda item.	Roundtable should be avoided at SSC meetings. Topics that are not on the agenda may be introduced and issues that do not fall under the SSC's authority may be raised. Include "Public Input" on the agenda to allow the public a forum for input.
It is sufficient to post the SSC agenda on the school website.	The agenda must be posted in an accessible location where the meeting is to be held. It is recommended that the agenda be posted in as many places as possible.