

Great Oaks Academy

Expectations and Obligations of Board Members Policy No. 203.1

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is a procedural document intended to define the responsibilities of all board members.

II. General Statement of Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Directors that utilizing informed and responsible board members is critically important to the continued success of Great Oaks Academy.

III. Obligations

A. Each individual board member shall:

1. Uphold the mission and vision of the school;
2. Prepare for, regularly attend, and actively participate in regular and special board meetings and committee assignments, and serve on at least one board committee;
3. Maintain up-to-date knowledge of activities, support the school by attending school events and participating in school activities with a minimum requirement of once per year;
4. Volunteering within a classroom is an additional minimum requirement of once per school year. This means showing up, being present and engaging in the school community;
5. Participate in at least one observation. This means to visit the school to see its impact first-hand and participate in observing in class instruction;
6. Respect confidentiality;
7. Understand the long-range effects of decisions;
8. Support the decisions made by the Board;
9. Follow all Great Oaks Academy policies, review and know the policies, relevant state statutes, and other applicable laws including following the open meeting law;
10. Align decisions with the Strategic Plan and assure the Strategic Plan aligns with the Mission and Vision of the school;
11. Act in the best interests of the school as a whole; and
12. Promote the school within the community.

IV. General Expectations

A. The Board expects all members to:

1. Become familiar with the principles of classical education, and the mission, policies, programs and curriculum of the school;
2. Come to meetings well-prepared and informed;
3. Vote according to one's individual conviction, challenge and be open to opposing viewpoints and be able to test a variety of perspectives as necessary. Be willing to support the decision of the board and work with fellow board members in a spirit of cooperation;
4. Act on behalf of the school and its interests, putting aside personal concerns, affiliations, or constituencies;

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5. Recognize that the Board Chair alone speaks for the Board on matters that have been approved and/or adopted by the Board, and avoid acting as spokesperson for the entire board unless specifically authorized to do so;
6. Support school's fundraising efforts through annual personal giving in accordance with one's means, and to be willing to participate in fundraising activities and special events sponsored by the school;
7. Participate in board orientation, training and assessment activities; and
8. Act as an informed advocate of the school and its mission.