

202.3 Individual Trustees

Policy

Trustees, as members of the Board, are expected to serve the best interests of the District and, particularly, its students.

Regulations

1. Trustees shall be responsible to their electorate through the democratic process.
2. As an elected official, it is the responsibility of the trustee to attend regular meetings of the Board, serve on committees of the Board, and perform other functions as directed by the Board.
3. It is the role of the trustee, as a member of the Board, to participate in the major functions of the Board:
 - Planning
 - Policy-Making
 - Allocation of Financial Resources
 - Communication
 - Evaluation
 - Adjudication of Appeals
 - Advocacy for Public Education
4. Trustees must respect and value a decision of the Board and not undermine it. For the Board to operate effectively, it must speak with one voice. Board authority lies in its unity and support for the vote of the majority.
5. A trustee may express a personal position or opinion, but must identify it as such. An individual trustee shall not intentionally give the appearance of speaking for the Board without Board authorization.
6. Trustees should respect the channels of communication established in the District. Whenever possible, concerns brought to trustees by parents and others should be directed back through these channels of communication.
7. A trustee, when invited, may serve as a volunteer member-at-large on a staff committee.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop the procedures necessary to implement this policy.

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References

Alberta School Act:	Sections 60, 61, 62, 63, 76, 78
District Policies:	100.1 Foundational Statements, 201.3 General Powers and Duties of the Board, 202.1 Trustee Code of Conduct, 202.2 Chair of the Board, 1001.3 Communications, 1002.4 School Councils, 1003.1 Channels of Communication and Disputes Resolution
Other:	Role of the Trustee – ASBA Handbook, Alberta Education – Policy, Regulations and Forms Manual