



Academic Excellence Committee

The Academic Excellence Committee provides appropriate board oversight of the academic program by ensuring that the school's educational program is positively impacting student achievement and by raising strategic academic issues for board discussion. The Academic Excellence Committee, chaired by a board member, will meet as often as necessary to conduct its work, but typically at least quarterly.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific responsibilities of the academic excellence committee include:

- Agree on a definition of Academic Excellence for the school
- Assume responsibility for ensuring that students are achieving at the highest levels
- Understand how student achievement will be measured at the school and build board-wide understanding of the most critical measures
- In partnership with the Head of School and Assistant Head of School, monitor student achievement by reviewing and analyzing external, standardized tests and internal assessments, deeply understanding the factors affecting performance data and sharing updates with the full board
- Evaluate student achievement at the school in comparison to other schools and national standards
- Verify that school administrators use student data constructively and routinely to inform decisions
- Insist on targeted changes to the academic program if student achievement is lagging
- Identify strategic and long-term challenges to the academic program before they become urgent issues
- Serve as an ongoing resource and advisor to staff on academic issues, as requested, providing recommendations and feedback to administrators for improvements to the academic program
- Form strategic partnerships with other high-performing schools, institutions of higher learning and technical schools
- Set annual committee goals and regularly monitor progress against those goals