

MAJOR ROLES OF SCHOOL BOARDS & COUNCILS

ACADEMICS

SCHOOL BOARD

- Adopt the annual calendar, including professional development days & holidays
- Monitor district performance
- Develop district improvement plan



SCHOOL COUNCIL

- Select instructional materials and practices
- Adopt school curriculum
- Develop school improvement plan to enhance student achievement

STUDENTS

SCHOOL BOARD

- Set graduation requirements
- Adopt discipline code for the district
- Adopt nonresident enrollment policies
- Set attendance boundaries for schools



SCHOOL COUNCIL

- Set and implement discipline practices for the school
- Assign students to classes within the school
- Determine schedule of school day

STAFF

SCHOOL BOARD

- Hire and evaluate the superintendent
- Hire/contract with board attorney
- Establish job descriptions for all staff
- Adopt leave policies for staff



SCHOOL COUNCIL

- Works with superintendent to hire school principal
- Decide number of people in each position in the school
- Assign staff time

MONEY

SCHOOL BOARD

- Impose local taxes and set district budget
- Set salary schedule for all district staff
- Allocate resources to each school



SCHOOL COUNCIL

- Set the school budget
- Use funding from school board to purchase materials & other student support needs

EXTRAS

SCHOOL BOARD

- Approve field trips and fundraisers
- Approve new extracurricular activities



SCHOOL COUNCIL

- Select extracurricular activities offered at school
- Set participation requirements for extracurricular activities

FACILITIES

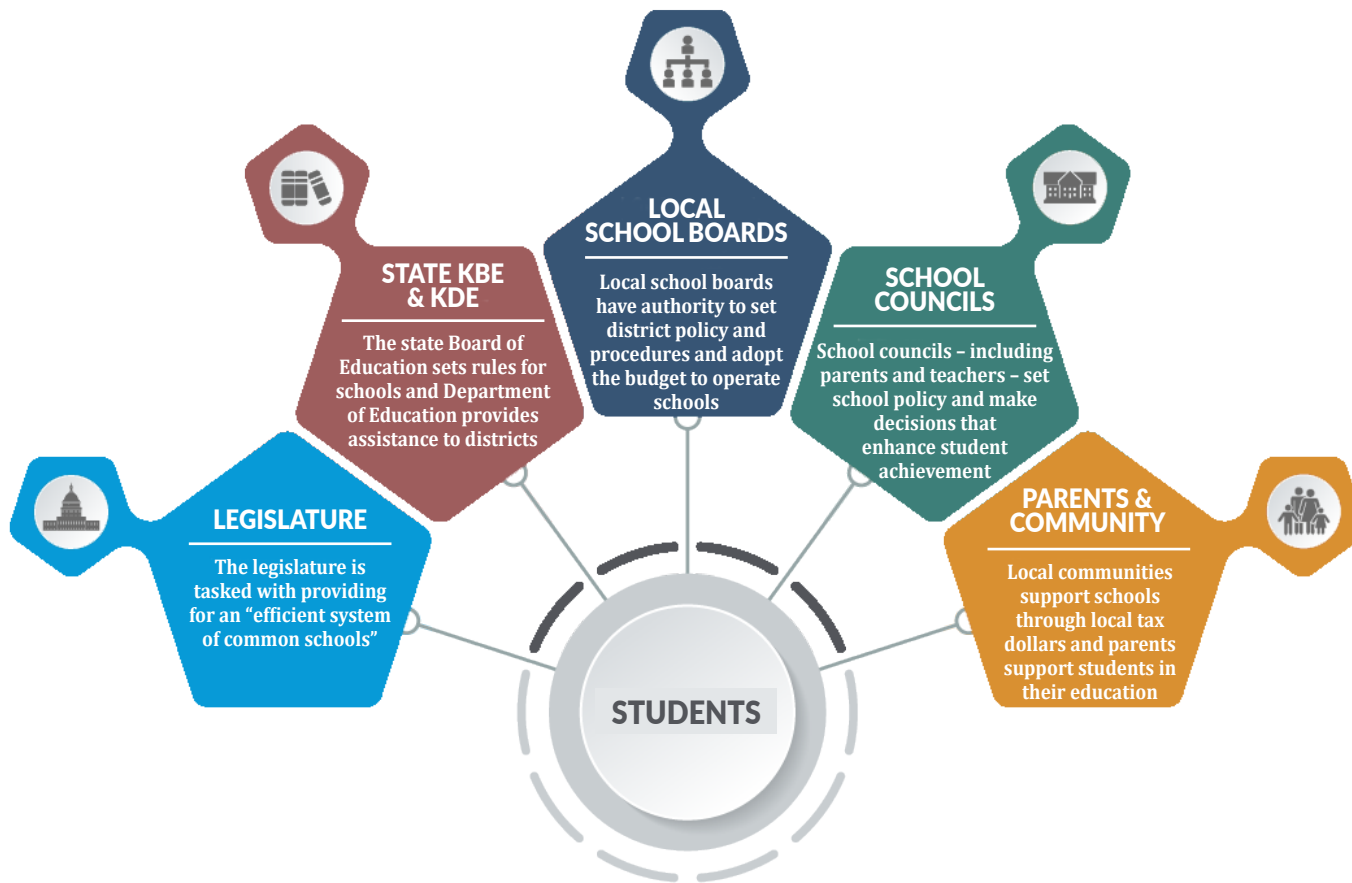
SCHOOL BOARD

- Manage district property, including renovation, construction and insurance
- Decide how school buildings are used after school hours by community groups



SCHOOL COUNCIL

- Adopt policies for use of the school building during the school day



SCHOOL BOARDS & SCHOOL COUNCILS MAJOR ROLES

Providing quality education to Kentucky children is a team effort involving many partners. This brochure explores key roles and responsibilities given to local school boards and local school councils.

The Kentucky Constitution grants responsibility to the **General Assembly** for the creation and funding of an efficient system of common schools. Under that authority, the legislature has created the **Kentucky Board of Education**, **local school boards**, elected by the local community, and **school-based decision making councils**. These school councils are comprised of the principal, as chair, teachers elected by **teachers**, and parents elected by **parents**.

This is a general outline of school board and school council responsibilities and is not meant to be all-inclusive or to cover all situations boards and councils may encounter. For more detailed information, please see KSBA's School Board Leadership Guide at www.ksba.org. Relevant state laws include KRS 158, KRS 160 and KRS 160.345, which may be accessed at legislature.ky.gov.

