



Quality Data: The Role of the School Board Member

Responsibility

As a school board member, you are responsible for setting policy.

Things to Think About

- What information do you need?
- How does your district use data to demonstrate achievement in educational programs?
- How do you know that the data are accurate?
- What do personnel in a school do to enter and gather data?
- What is a school required to do when you request nonmandated data?

Things to Do

- Understand the impact data has on funding programs.
- Allocate appropriate resources to enable schools to meet the ever-increasing need for data collection and data entry.
- Invest in computer hardware and software as a routine cost of doing business.

Outcomes (What's in it for me?)

Pressures on school board members are always increasing. By becoming knowledgeable about the data entry process and the district's procedures for ensuring data quality, you can rely on the information you use with more confidence.

Improving data quality is an investment. If the resources used to produce accurate, timely data result in information to justify programs or secure additional needed funds, it is money well spent.