

Advocacy Policy

The Foundation for Orange County Public Schools, Inc. does not normally pursue public policy advocacy as part of its regular program activities; however, we recognize that as a leader for quality education for all students in Orange County, we may be called upon by government officials, members of the media and others to offer positions on policy issues affecting the students of Orange County and to share our knowledge and expertise relevant to ongoing policy deliberations.

The Foundation may take positions on public policy issues when it is determined that such action is consistent with its mission and that the interest of student achievement is sufficiently clear.

Advocacy positions on specific issues related to quality public school education and student achievement will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Committee upon recommendation of the Education Advocacy Committee. The Board of Directors shall be informed of all positions and actions.

The Executive Director may authorize subsequent Board members and/or staff participation on an approved advocacy position. Such actions shall be reported to the Education Advocacy Committee, Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

In the Foundation's work with coalitions and associations, the Foundation may take part in the advocacy work of a group, provided that the work is not in conflict with the Foundation's mission.

The Foundation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office and shall follow all laws relative to advocacy by 501(c)(3) organizations in all activities conducted by the staff, the Education Advocacy Committee, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.