The role of the Board is to provide leadership and citizen oversight of the District and ensure that the District is responsive to the values, beliefs, and priorities of the community. Major responsibilities include:

- Setting the direction for the District
- Establishing an effective and efficient organizational structure for the District
- Providing support to the Superintendent and staff as they carry out the Board's direction
- Ensuring accountability to the public for the performance of the District's schools
- Providing community leadership and advocacy on behalf of students, the District's education program, and public education.

The Board also approves the District's budget, LCAP and adopts all policies and curriculum. At the annual organizational meeting in December, the Board elects its president, clerk and representative to the Monterey County School Board's Association.