

Administrative Regulation

Board of Education, Student Member

A. Eligibility

To be eligible for the position of Student Board Member, a student must be a member of the senior class (a junior at the time of application) at a district high school when the term of office begins, and must be academically eligible (2.0 GPA).

B. School Selection

1. All eligible students from eligible high schools may apply for the position. To ensure fairness in representation, high schools that had a student serve as Student Board Representative for the prior two years, will not be eligible to submit applicants until two years has passed since their student served. Each school shall have its own method of determining its applicants.
2. School administrators should ensure that the process is fair and representative of the high school student demographics, and that nominees are reflective of the diverse student population of each high school and representative of various school clubs and organizations.
3. Each high school will select two finalists to move on for consideration.

C. District Selection

1. District leaders will select one finalist from each high school to move on for consideration by the Intra-District Council.
2. An Intra-District Council (IDC) consisting of high school leaders will interview the finalists and make a recommendation to district leaders identifying the recommended top four nominees based on the oral interview, written application and previous representation.
3. District leaders will confirm the top four finalists using a variety of factors including recommendation from the IDC, previous representation and demographic representation of students.
4. Final selection will be determined by a districtwide vote among the student body from the district's eight high schools, no later than the last week of school.

D. Responsibilities

1. To serve for a period of one school year
2. To attend all Board of Education meetings, except closed sessions
3. To carry out the duties of a preferential voting member of the Board
 - a. The Student Board Member will participate in discussions with board members and speakers.
 - b. The Student Board Member is expected to review the agenda packet and other materials ahead of time to be fully prepared for discussions in meetings.
4. To represent student interests at Board meetings
 - a. The Student Board Member reaches out and is accessible to students to increase opportunities for student engagement and input, as well as preparing the Student Board Member report at Board meetings.
5. To represent student proposals to the Board of Education
6. To represent the views of the BRC to the Board of Education
7. To attend all IDC and joint IDC/BRC meetings

E. Protocols

1. The Student Board Member shall have preferential voting rights. A preferential vote shall not serve in determining the final numerical outcome of a vote. No preferential vote shall be solicited on matters subject to closed session discussion.
2. The Student Board Member shall be seated on the dais with the members of the board, shall be recognized as a full member of the governing board at the meetings and may participate in the discussion of issues.
3. The Student Board Member shall be provided all open meeting materials presented to the other board members during and in between meetings, including the draft agenda for upcoming meetings at the same time the materials are presented to the board meetings. The Student Board Member will be invited to participate in Board of Education Study Sessions to hear important updates from staff.

4. The Student Board Member shall be reimbursed for mileage incurred for local travel in the performance of the student board representative duties or, as an alternative, shall be provided a transportation pass to cover the cost of local transportation in performance of such duties.
5. With the exception of the Brown Act, the Student Board Member shall be subject to the same rules, policies and protocols as applicable to other Board members; including, but not limited to Board Bylaws and Governance Policies.
6. The Superintendent or designee shall provide an orientation for the new Student Board Member, including training as necessary.

F. Dismissal

1. The BRC/IDC has the prerogative to dismiss the Student Board Representative for not fulfilling the duties of office.
2. Dismissal shall require a majority vote of the BRC/IDC.
3. In cases of a Student Board Representative dismissal, the IDC will meet no less than one week after dismissal to interview and vote to appoint a current BRC member as the new Student Board Member.

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