



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Student Representation to the School Board

Role

The role of the student representative will be:

1. To provide student insight and perspective to the school board;
2. To serve as liaison to the students of the district; and
3. To report to district students about the work of the school board.

Eligibility Requirements

The eligibility requirements for a student representative are:

1. To be a student in good standing with passing grades in every class, regularly attending a district high school, and enrolled in grades eleven (11) or twelve (12);
2. To maintain a 2.5 minimum grade point average;
3. To have demonstrated prior involvement in school, extra-curricular, and/or community-based activities; and
4. To be willing to commit the necessary time to attend the regular board meetings including board conferences, and to perform the duties and responsibilities of a student representative. Student attendance at special board meetings will normally be optional.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities for a successful student representative are:

1. To gather input about issues facing the board and to communicate to students about the activities of the board;
2. To be bound by all applicable rules and regulations pertaining to the elected board members;
3. To maintain regular school attendance, appropriate conduct and grade point average;
4. To participate in board discussions, but not to make motions, ~~vote~~, hold board offices, or attend executive or closed sessions unless invited by the board.; **For agenda items that include voting, after discussion closes but before the directors vote, the board president will turn to the student representative(s) and ask them to provide their advisory vote(s) of pro, con, or abstain. After taking the student advisory vote(s), the board takes its vote.**
5. To receive materials distributed to board members, with the exception of materials relating to executive/closed sessions, individual students, employees, and other confidential matters;
6. To represent the board in a professional manner when engaged in board work, including appropriate attire at board functions, e.g., casual business dress for board meetings; and
7. To attend the annual legislative conference in Olympia in late winter.

Limitations

Each student representative:

1. Will not be responsible for representing constituencies aside from the district student body at large; and
2. Will not be paid or receive an honorarium but will be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred in carrying out the duties of the student representative in accordance with applicable policies and procedures.

Guidelines

1. The district will provide appropriate levels of support and resources for student representatives to carry out their responsibilities.
2. The superintendent or designee will contact student representatives before every regular meeting to facilitate, assist in planning and prepare for board meetings.
3. Attendance at all regular school board meetings is required. Student representatives shall notify the superintendent or designee of a planned absence. If a student representative cannot fulfill the attendance obligations, another student representative may be appointed in their place. Attendance at other school board functions is encouraged, but not required. Student representatives need not attend meetings held during the summer or on a school holiday.
4. Student representatives may receive (.5) pass-fail elective credit per year.
5. Student representatives will provide annually an evaluation of their experience.
6. The procedure for student representatives will be reviewed annually by the school board and student representatives.

Selection Process

1. In accordance with the rotation specified below, each high school will solicit applicants from the sophomore class to serve as student representative to the board for two-year (2) terms during their junior and senior years. In the event a qualified sophomore student is not available from Sequoia High School, a qualified junior student may serve as student representative to the board.
2. Applicants will complete an application packet and will participate in an interview by the selection committee consisting of the superintendent, a regional superintendent, a school administrator from the school the student attends, the director of athletics and activities, the PTA council president or designee and a school board member. After review of all application packets and completion of candidate interviews, the student selection committee will recommend a final candidate to the board of directors for its consideration and approval.
3. The responsibility to solicit applicants will rotate for the position among the high schools according to the following rotation schedule: Cascade High School, Everett High School, Jackson High School, and Sequoia High School. If the school is unable to solicit a qualified applicant in its rotation year, the responsibility will move to the next school in the rotation.

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4. The student representative serves at the discretion of the board of directors. The board may remove a student during the term:
 - a. If the student becomes ineligible;
 - b. For failure to fulfill the student's duties;
 - c. For failure to maintain academic standards; or
 - d. For behaviors that the board deems unacceptable for a member of the board of directors.
5. In the event a vacancy occurs prior to the end of the term, an alternate from the same school may be appointed by the board to fill the vacancy.

Cross reference: [Board Policy 1140](#)

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