

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

It shall be the policy of the Regional School District No.7 Board of Education to encourage participation of secondary school students as non-voting student representatives to the Board of Education. The Board of Education believes it is important and recognizes the value of having student representatives to the Board for input into decisions that affect all students.

The purpose of this participation is to help the Board of Education gain greater insight into student activities, programs, needs, and perspectives; to encourage student involvement in school district governance activities; to provide awareness and understanding of mutual issues among community members, staff and students; to provide for active involvement of students in their education; to foster inquiry whereby students may express their views and listen to and evaluate the opinions of others.

Students who participate in this process are demonstrating the value of community service, are representing themselves and their classmates, are learning how the governing body of the school district works, and are networking with community leaders to achieve excellence in education.

Student representatives will not participate in any portion of regular school board meetings from which the general public is excluded by the Freedom of Information Act.

Administrative Regulations to Policy 9160
Student Representatives to the Board of Education

1. Student representation to the Board of Education is open to all students who will be a junior or a senior, during the years that they serve. There will never be more than two student representatives serving at any time.
2. The high school administration will determine the process for election of Student Representatives to the board of education each year in May. Unless and until the school's administration determine otherwise:
 - a. Students presently in grades 10 and 11 interested in running for a seat on the board of education for the ensuing school year must attend a candidate's orientation conducted by the superintendent, the principal, or member of the board, and current student representatives.
 - b. Any student in grades 10 or 11 who is interested in running for a seat on the board of education must submit a letter of intent to the High School Principal.
 - c. Students who submit such a letter must have documentation of having attended at least one meeting of the board of education during that school year.
 - d. Appropriate applicants will be interviewed (using a scoring rubric) by the high school principals and other staff as determined appropriate by the principal. The principal will forward a recommended candidate to the Superintendent of Schools.
 - e. The Superintendent and/or the Board of Education reserve the right to remove a Student Representative from the board for academic or for disciplinary reasons. In such cases the position will be offered to the student who received the next highest vote total.
3. The period of service for student representatives shall be *for a two year period beginning July 1 of the year elected.*
4. Student representatives are expected to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Education and may be appointed to committees of the board by the chair. Board of Education meetings are generally held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month with the exception of December, July, and August. *Students must inform the principal if they are unable to attend a meeting; students who fail to comply with the attendance requirements may be asked to resign.*
5. *Student representatives are expected* to prepare a report, written or oral, for each board meeting detailing issues of student interest and may be invited to participate in discussions of any agenda items.
7. Student representatives shall obtain input from and report back to the House Council and any other appropriate student organization on all pertinent issues before the board of education.