

5820 STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Board believes that pupils should have a way to make their voices heard concerning policies and decisions which directly affect them. This right to be heard becomes more essential as pupils move through the grades, and especially when they reach the senior high school level.

As the most suitable mechanism for providing a voice for pupils, the Board endorses the concept of Student Councils at the elementary level, and directs that they be maintained at the secondary level. Student Councils shall have written constitutions and by-laws, which shall include provisions for all pupils to be eligible to vote and hold office. Student Councils shall have open and regular access to the Principal or designee.

The Board also believes that all pupils should have the right to present suggestions and/or grievances to the school administration. For suggestions and grievances which affect more than one pupil, the normal channel for communication should be the Student Council.

Where suggestions and/or grievances are offered by or affect an individual pupil, the Building Principal or designee shall provide mechanisms by which these may be communicated. In the elementary schools, the normal channel will be teachers. In the secondary schools, the Principal or designee shall establish procedures which may be included in student handbooks.

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