

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Milford, Delaware 19963

POLICY

5302

**STUDENT RIGHTS - STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

1. Students shall have the right to organize and conduct student council or government association activities which contribute toward the understanding and functioning of the objectives of the school system and assure an important role in the decision-making affecting their educational betterment.

This right shall be emphasized within the guidelines and practices recommended by the National and State Associations, and within the rules and regulations established by the School District; however, the following factors should be considered:

- a. The organization, operation, and scope of the student government shall be defined in a written constitution developed through effective student participation and should, at a minimum, be reviewed and approved every four (4) years.
- b. Student government shall function with respect to its constitutional and by-law provisions.
- c. The school administration shall assure that all students have the right to vote and hold office as provided in Section 2 which follows.
- d. The decisions of the government association shall not be influenced by the faculty and may not be arbitrarily vetoed by the administration. Appeal of a decision shall be in accordance with appropriate Board policy.

- e. The student government organization shall be responsible to the needs and interests of all students and shall conduct meetings to assure maximum involvement of students.
2. Students shall have the right to select officers and representatives from among the student body in accordance with the provisions established in the constitution of the student government association.

Provisions as to the qualifications of candidates should be as broad as possible to assure the greatest participation and representation of all students. Where candidates do not meet the established qualifications, opportunities should be provided to have student body representation on various committees and subcommittees.

3. Students shall have the right to recommend to the administration the name of a faculty advisor or sponsor selected by members of the student government organization.

The faculty advisors shall advocate that the purposes of the constitution be fulfilled and that the members develop rules and regulations within the framework of the school's philosophy.

4. Students shall have the right to organize and conduct clubs and associations under the guidelines and recommendations established through the student government organization or student council.

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