

# Addison Central School District

**Policy:**       **Students on the School Board**

**File Code:**   **A35**

**Warned:**      **October 15, 2019**

**Adopted:**     **October 28, 2019**

**Purpose:**

The Addison Central School District Board values the perspective of students and believes their participation as members of the governing body will strengthen the district's mission of providing a rich student supported learning environment. Student voices and perspectives will enrich the school board's understanding of how educational programs impact students and their efforts to achieve personal learning goals as well as confirm to all students that their voice matters to our community. In addition, the student representative will gain leadership skills and experience in civic engagement.

**Policy Statement:**

Each year, the Board shall include two Middlebury Union High School students to serve as members of the Board. Each spring, a rising junior shall be appointed to the Board for a two-year term\*. Student representatives will participate in an orientation and training program, and partner with a current board member and senior year student who will serve as mentors. The Superintendent and/or designees shall establish criteria and a process for student selection that reflects the Board's commitment to inclusivity and equitable access for all.

The role of the student representatives shall include:

- Communicate board activity and decisions to student body
- Represent the views of the entire student ACSD student body to the Board as appropriate and to the extent possible

The responsibilities of the student representatives shall include:

- Attend all board meetings and retreats
- Adhere to Robert's Rules of Order
- Respect confidentiality and other norms as outlined in Board Operations

The student representatives shall:

- Participate in the work of the Board to the fullest extent possible
- Receive the same materials as produced to elected members (with the exception of confidential materials)
- May participate in committee meetings, to the greatest extent possible.

The student representatives shall not:

- Make or vote on a motion
- Attend executive sessions
- Have access to confidential material

\*Note: For the first year, a rising junior and rising senior shall be appointed. The rising senior shall only serve the one-year.