

**Board of Trustees
Douglas County School District**

STUDENTS

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL AFFAIRS

The Board believes that students should be invited to participate in the governance of school activities at levels appropriate to their ages and competencies. As an institution fundamental to the operation of a democratic society, the schools should strive to exemplify the democratic ideal of citizen participation in decision making; moreover, as part of their educational development, students should assume some of the responsibility of planning and executing the activities of the schools.

Each school's student council and administration shall develop procedures to implement this policy which provide for the submission, consideration and response to constructive student suggestions; designate the manner by which students shall be selected for participation in school matters; insure that student participation is representative of the whole school population; and insure that the student voice and vote in decision making is reasonably balanced with those of faculty, administration, and community members.

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