



2023-24 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION

PIEDMONT UNIFIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION

For the 2023-24 school year, the four eligible students (two from Millennium High School and two from Piedmont High School) will be chosen to serve on the Piedmont Unified Board of Education to share a one-year term. The student board members will function as a preferential voting member of the Board. This information below explains the application and selection process, and contains a copy of the application. Please feel free to copy and distribute it to any eligible student who might be interested.

About the 2023-24 Student Board Member

Eligibility

A student currently enrolled in Millennium High School or Piedmont High School in good standing in the 10th or 11th grades in the 2022-23 school year may apply.

Term of Office

Each Student Member will serve a one-semester term from August 9, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

Time Requirements

The estimated time commitment required for the Student Member will be in-person attendance, at least, at two regular Board meetings per month; a one-day orientation; sufficient time to study the agenda materials in advance of the meeting, which may include consultation with the Superintendent for background information related to agenda issues; additional time for handling other Board-related business; and time to attend selected advisory group meetings, student meetings, workshops, and conferences.

Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Members

Student Board members shall not be considered members of a legislative body for purposes of the Brown Act. (Education Code 35012)

A student Board member shall not be counted in determining the vote required to carry any measure before the Board or whether a quorum is in attendance at a Board meeting.

Student Board member(s) shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed sessions. (Education Code 35012)

All materials presented to Board members, except those related to closed sessions, shall be presented to student Board members at the same time they are presented to other Board members. Student Board member(s) shall also be invited to attend staff briefings or be provided with a separate staff briefing within the same timeframe as the briefing of other Board members. In addition, all materials given to Board members by the district between meetings, except for materials that pertain to closed session items, shall be distributed to student Board members. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board member(s) shall be recognized at Board meetings as full member(s), shall be seated with other members of the Board, and shall be allowed to participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board member(s) shall be allowed to cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion. Preferential voting means a formal expression of opinion that is recorded in the minutes and cast before the official vote of the Board. Preferential votes shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board member(s) may make motions that may be acted upon by the Board, except on matters dealing with employer-employee relations pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board members shall be appointed to subcommittees of the Board in the same manner as other Board members, and shall be made aware of the time commitment required to participate in subcommittee meetings and work and of the right to decline an appointment. The availability of all subcommittee members, including the availability of student Board members, may be considered when scheduling subcommittee meetings. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board members shall be invited to attend functions of the Board, such as forums, meetings with students and parents/guardians, and other general assemblies. (Education Code 35012)

Expenses Paid

Travel, lodging, and meal costs will be paid by Piedmont Unified School District in the amount

allowed by state regulations. Student Board members may, at the Board's discretion, receive elective course credit for service as a student Board member based on the number of equivalent daily instructional minutes for the student Board member's services provided. (Education Code 35012, 35120)

Application and Election Process

Initial Screening

Interested candidates complete and submit applications by Wednesday, May 10, 2023. A Screening Committee of current student board members who have not applied to run and two regular School Board members will consider all submissions and select a slate of four candidates for PHS and four candidates for MHS. The committee will review each application holistically, selecting a slate of candidates who reflect the best cross-section of the many outstanding students who apply. The decision of the Screening Committee is final. Applicants will neither receive evaluations nor will their application materials be returned.

Elections

Each of the final candidates will be listed on ballots to be voted on by eligible student voters. PHS students will vote for up to two candidates on the PHS candidate slate; MHS students will vote for up to two candidates on the MHS candidate slate. Eligible voters consist of current freshman, sophomores, and juniors.

The two candidates from each school with the most votes will serve as Student School Board members.

Appointment

Winning candidates will be appointed at the August 9, 2023 School Board meeting.

Statement of Understanding

I have read the information about the 2023-24 Student Board Member and the description of the selection process for the 2023-24 Student Board Member, both of which appear above. I understand and agree to participate in the selection process. If successful in the selection process and later appointed by the Board of Education to the position of Student Board Member, I will pledge an oath of allegiance to the state, and will perform the responsibilities of the Student Board Member to the best of my ability.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Date: _____

2023-24 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

PIEDMONT UNIFIED BOARD OF EDUCATION

Applicant Information

Student Last Name: _____ Student First Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

High School Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Parent/Guardian's Phone: _____

Application Requirements

Please be concise as you complete this application. Observe the limits of your responses as indicated. All applications will be available for public inspection and will be considered public records.

Written Responses

The application may be downloaded from the [website](#) above and should be completed by computer. The completed application must be included with supporting documents.

Faculty / Administrator References

Please list the names of two teachers or administrators who will serve as references

Optional Items

You may enclose supporting documents about yourself since you were in 7th grade (e.g., newspaper clippings, articles, etc.). Items from earlier years will not be reviewed. Please include only photocopies, not originals.

Reasonable Accommodation for Any Individual with a Disability

Pursuant to the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973* and the *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*, any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in a meeting or function of the Piedmont Unified Board of Education, may request assistance by contacting the Superintendent's Office at the address below or by calling 510-594-2614.

Piedmont Unified School District

2023-24 Student Board Member Application
760 Magnolia Avenue
Piedmont, CA 94611
seggert@piedmont.k12.ca.us

Submission Instructions

Complete applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

Please submit your application via email to Sylvia Flores Eggert at:

seggert@piedmont.k12.ca.us or at the District Office located at 760 Magnolia Avenue

A single PDF of the application and supplemental items is preferred.

If you have any questions, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 510-594-2614 or by email at: seggert@piedmont.k12.ca.us

About the Piedmont Unified Board of Education

A five-member Board of Education oversees the District. The members are elected at-large and serve for a maximum of two consecutive four-year terms. Board Members are accessible to the community and integrate public input into their deliberations and decision-making. The Board acts in the best interests of all students, reviews and approves the budget, authorizes expenditures, employs all personnel (including the Superintendent), and develops local education vision, district goals, and policy within the limits of the State Education Code.

School Board Members serve as liaisons on several committees or boards of other support groups such as the City-District Liaison Committee, Piedmont Educational Foundations, each of the Parents' Clubs, Curriculum Council, Athletic Boosters, and the Special Education District Advisory Committee, to name a few.

Application Questionnaire

Question 1

Why do you want to serve on the Piedmont Board of Education? Please limit your response to 250 words.

Question 2

Keeping in mind the areas of authority of the Board, as described above, identify one challenge affecting kindergarten through 12th grade education within Piedmont Schools, and then share your thoughts on how to address the challenge. Please limit your response to 300 words.

Question 3

What extracurricular activities are you currently participating in? What activities are you planning to participate in during the 2023-24 school year? Please limit your response to 200 words.

Question 4

Add anything else you would like those involved in the selection process to know about you, including any activities, achievements, awards, and work experiences. You may include documentation of these achievements with your application. Please limit your response to 150 words.