

Student Advisory Board 2023-2024 Application



This application packet will be used for building a candidate pool for the 2023-2024 Student Advisory Board (SAB). This application will be used to select (2) future Student Board Members and SAB Representatives from the secondary schools for the 2023-2024 school year. Please review all the pages included to better understand the history, positions, responsibilities, and commitment necessary for applying to the SAB.

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Student Advisory Board (SAB) Overview

The Student Advisory Board (SAB) is a year-round program that introduces students to concepts of policy advocacy, applied social research, democratic governing, and grassroots organizing. The Student Advisory Board strives to promote student voice within the district and works to take action against problems faced by students.

Students of the SAB program represent the vast diversity of FCUSD middle and high school youth. SAB members range from 6th to 12th grade and vary in socio-economic background, ethnicity, religion, first language, immigration status, and experience with student government. There are two types of positions on the Student Advisory Board: Student Board Members & SAB Representatives

SAB representatives commit themselves to attending monthly meetings and working to refine their skills in critical thinking, public speaking, and youth advocacy. SAB Co-Presidents serve as Student Board Members, bringing SAB initiatives directly to the FCUSD Board of Education. As youth advocates, they work together to ensure all student voices are represented.

SAB students are critical, passionate, and determined to advocate for all student voices across our district.

Student Advisory Board Expectations

The students on the Student Advisory Board are held to the highest standards of student leadership. We expect that all SAB members exhibit respect, critical thought, creativity, and passion every day.

Additionally, the following items are contractually required of all members:

- Attend ALL SAB Meetings:
 - Monthly meetings
 - All SAB activities are excused absences. Therefore, any academic assignments or assessments can be made up without penalty
 - Upon request, Board of Education meetings, district committee meetings, or Superintendent Round-table meetings.
- Work directly with the Student Board Members and the SAB Adult Advisor to promote authentic youth engagement at ALL FCUSD secondary schools.
- Assist in the identification and implementation of youth-adult action projects and training.
- Make presentations and agendas for and at various meetings and trainings:
 - School Board Meetings
 - Student community meetings
 - Other district committee meetings
- Assist with meeting and planning coordination.
- Act as a public relations representative for SAB.
- All position requirements are outlined on the SAB Representative and Student Board Member page
- Complete all position-specific requirements

Student Advisory Board Representatives

Position Description

SAB representatives are public leaders of the SAB who represent each of our 14 FCUSD secondary schools. They are highly visible students from FCUSD that work to ensure youth input and participation in decision-making processes. They work to ensure that school and district decision-making bodies hear the viewpoints of youth representing the diversity of FCUSD.

At a minimum, each secondary school site will have a minimum of 2 representatives.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Attend ALL SAB Meetings:
 - Meetings are monthly, Wednesdays from 10-11:30 am at the Cordova Lane Center
 - All SAB activities are excused absences. Therefore, any academic assignments or assessments can be made up without penalty.
- Participate in public presentation building and delivery for various meetings and training.
- Serve as a public relations representative between your school and SAB
- Participate in district committees and/or task forces for student initiatives
- Ensure youth input is included in the development of district policies.
- Assist in community partnership development
- Help to maintain a positive social media presence of SAB
- Investigate student needs at the school site and report back to SAB
- Keep SAB informed of all school updates and events
- Act as a liaison between home, school, and SAB representatives

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Must be at least in the sixth grade at the start of the 2023-2024 school year
- Must have a parent/guardian signature
- Advocate for youth and community voice in a respectful, responsible, well-organized, and outspoken way.
- Able to communicate effectively with all students, district staff, and other community members.
- Meet all requirements specified on page 5.

Student Board Member

Position Description

The **Student Board Members (SBM)** have the largest and highest-profile set of responsibilities of all of the SAB. The Student Board Members serve as the public representative of the entire FCUSD student body. They are a highly visible student from FCUSD that works to ensure youth input and participation in district decision-making processes. They work closely with the SAB and the FCUSD Board of Education to ensure that the viewpoints of youth representing the diversity of FCUSD are heard in district decision-making bodies. Two Student Board Members shall serve concurrently, representing two different high schools, one in Rancho Cordova and one in Folsom.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Attend ALL FCUSD Board of Education meetings from August - June
 - Meetings start from 6:00 pm and vary in time of ending
- Attend & facilitate ALL monthly SAB Meetings
 - All SAB activities are excused absences. Therefore, any academic assignments or assessments can be made up without penalty
- Write and present Student Board Reports to the Board of Education
 - Ensure that student voices are heard in public arenas.
- Ensure youth input is included in the development of district policies.
- Make an effort to visit all schools within the district.
- Maintain visibility and approachability at community events.
- Preside over the SAB Elections process.
- All responsibilities are included within the *SAB Representative* roles.

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Must be at least a Junior at the start of the 2023-2024 school year.
- Previously served as a member of SAB or in a leadership position of another school-affiliated club.
- Must complete the Google Form application, including two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher, mentor, or other relevant adults; **relatives can not write your letter of recommendation**
- Must complete a public presentation for candidacy
- Must have a critical eye for public policy and student rights and be able to critically analyze certain CA, federal, and local policies affecting students.
- Advocate for youth and community voice in a respectful, responsible, well-organized, and passionate way, demonstrating the ability to communicate effectively with all students, district staff, and other community members.
- Meet all expectations specified on page 5.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND IMPORTANT DATES

March 24, 2023	SAB Applications released
April 11, 2023	Application questions are due through Google Forms. You must use your FCUSD student account to access the application link below: https://forms.gle/fXBXwAvTRCoqSsfH9
April 12-14, 2023	Interviews for Student Board Member conducted
April 17, 2023	Candidates moving onto the SBM election are notified
April 21, 2023	SBM campaign materials due
April 24-28, 2023	The FCUSD Student student body will be given the opportunity to vote for student Board members that represent their city of school attendance.
May 3, 2023	New Student Board members announced during SAB meeting
May 18, 2023	Student Board Members announced and introduced at the Board of Education meeting.
May 19, 2023	SAB representatives applicants notified of their acceptance.
August 10, 2023	Installation of Student Board Members

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