

Bylaws of the Board

Student Government Representatives to the Board of Education

To ensure greater student voice and Amity Regional School District No. 5 (District) Board of Education (Board) awareness on matters concerning students, the Board shall seat an 11th and 12th grade member of the Amity Regional High School Student Government. The student government representatives to the Board of Education shall represent the middle and high school students of the Amity Regional School District. The primary purposes for designating seats on the Board of Education for students lies in the inherent connection between Board decisions and their resulting impact on students and the opportunity for the Board to provide students with an experiential learning opportunity in local governance. Students should participate in the deliberations that share their present and future interests.

Appointment Term:

1. Two student government representatives, one 11th grade and one 12th grade, will be appointed as non-voting members to the Board of Education.
2. Annually, one member of the elected Student Government will be selected from the junior class to serve a two-year term. The purpose of this is to have the senior representative support, train, and coach the junior representative.

Criteria and Selection:

1. The student representatives must be in good academic and disciplinary standing and shall be drawn from the Student Government representatives.
2. The students shall indicate their interest to serve as a Student Government Representative to the Board of Education to the Student Government Advisor in the Spring of their 10th grade year following the Student Government elections.
3. The student shall be selected prior to the end of the school year by members of the Student Government.
4. The student representative shall be recommended by the Principal of Amity Regional High School and the Student Government Advisor to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall approve and introduce the student representative to the Board of Education at the June Board meeting.
5. The Board and/or Administration retain the right to remove and replace a student representative who does not remain in good standing or who fails to fulfill the duties of their position.

Responsibilities:

1. Student representatives will attend regular board meetings. Students will be seated with the Board of Education and shall be expected to share information about Amity Schools with the Board of Education and participate in discussions with the Board. Student representatives shall represent the students' voices and opinions.

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2. Student representatives will meet with the superintendent of schools prior to regularly scheduled board meetings to review agenda items and ask clarifying questions.
3. Student representatives may request to schedule presentations/information sessions at BOE meetings; they may invite other students to these sessions. These need to be identified in a timely manner to allow for their inclusion on the board agenda.
4. Student representatives will receive all regular meeting agendas, minutes, and other pertinent information, excluding executive minutes and Board correspondence.
5. Student representatives may frequent Board of Education Committee meetings as non-voting participants. It is recommended that one student representative sit on the Policy committee and one student representative sit on the Curriculum committee. The representatives may join other committees that are of interest to them.
6. Student representatives shall regularly update the Amity student body on the work and decisions of the Board of Education.
7. Student representatives will not participate in meetings from which the general public is excluded, including executive sessions, negotiation sessions, or personnel portions of regular meetings of the Board of Education.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

9-203 Number and term of members of the board of education