

Florida State University Schools FAQ

What is Florida State University School (FSUS)?

Florida State University School (FSUS) is a laboratory school sponsored by Florida State University (FSU). FSUS includes grades K-12, with approximately 2,000 students and 100 faculty members. FSUS has a number of clubs and activities available to students, such as Engineering, Spanish Club, and sports activities. Students are admitted by random selection made by a computer to closely match the public-school student population demographics. Based on criteria related to student performance, the Florida Department of Education identifies FSUS as an “A” school. Last year, the school had the highest reading scores in the state and 99% high school completion.

Who serves on the School Board?

The School Board is comprised of 13 members – three parent representatives, four FSU representatives, four community representatives, a faculty representative, and a student representative. A community or parent member chairs the Board. Current Board membership and designated leaders can be found on the FSUS website: <https://www.fsus.school>.

What is the length of term for School Board members?

- FSU representatives may serve up to 4 consecutive 2-year terms.
- Community representatives may serve up to 5 consecutive 2-year terms.
- Parent representatives may serve up to 4 consecutive 2-year terms.

What is the role of the School Board?

The School Board is responsible for approving policies, financial budgets, and goals. The School Board is not involved in the day-to-day administration of the school.

How often does the School Board meet?

Monthly workshops and meetings are held at the FSUS campus. A workshop is a working session that precedes the monthly meeting. The monthly workshops and meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 3:30 P.M. Workshops usually last an hour, while meetings may be shorter, depending on the amount of business to be conducted. In addition to attending full Board meetings, members also may serve on one of the Board committees (e.g., Finance or Policy).

Who attends School Board meetings?

School Board meetings are conducted in accordance with the State of Florida Sunshine Law. In addition to School Board members, FSUS staff and guests also attend the meetings. At the beginning of each meeting, teachers identify students for recognition for their scholastic or extracurricular achievements.

What are the agenda items considered by the Board?

Typical agendas focus on committee reports, such as by the Finance or Policy Committees, updates by the school director, pending legal matters, and more.

What are the committees of the Board?

The following are committees of the Board:

- Finance Committee
- Policy Committee
- Board Member Nominating Committee, as needed
- Additional ad-hoc committees, as needed

In addition to the School Board meetings, committees meet on a monthly basis. The Policy Committee meets the Tuesday prior to the School Board meeting. The Finance Committee meets the Wednesday prior to the School Board meeting. Members typically serve on one committee. Committee meetings are scheduled for an hour each month. The Board may constitute additional committees to carry out its work.

What are the additional responsibilities of the board?

Board members are encouraged to support the school by attending school events, participating in fundraisers, attending graduation, and other events, as requested by the school director.

State Laws

All meetings of the School Board are open to the public and subject to state Sunshine Laws. All records of the school board are open records. See www.myflsunshine.com for additional information.

Where can I find additional information about the board meetings?

Additional information about the school and the School Board may be found on the FSUS website at <https://www.fsus.school>.

Illustration of Governance Model for FSUS

The Governance Clock _____



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