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3     The opinions and concerns of the students in Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) are important  
4     to the Alexandria City School Board (Board). Therefore, the Board selects three (3) non-voting  
5     High School Student Representatives to the Board, and conducts regular listening sessions with  
6     middle school students.  
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8     **High School Student Representatives**  
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10    Including Student Representatives as advisors to the Board creates a direct link between ACPS  
11    students and the elected body that governs them. This relationship enables the student body to have  
12    input into the policies and direction of the school division. These positions provide students the  
13    opportunity to serve their community and to gain a more thorough understanding of city and school  
14    governance and its role in creating an effective learning environment for every child in Alexandria.  
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16    Although the Student Representatives serve in an advisory capacity and do not vote, they are  
17    encouraged to provide updates on ACPS events and activities, and share their thoughts on agenda  
18    items.  
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20    The Student Representatives consist of two at-large positions from Alexandria City High School  
21    and one International Academy position.  
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23    The Student Representatives attend all regular open board meetings and may choose to attend work  
24    sessions and/or special called meetings. They do not attend closed meetings.  
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26    ACPS provides the meeting agenda and other public materials to the Student Representatives at  
27    the same time the information is provided to the public and the Board. The Student Representatives  
28    do not have access to confidential information, including student or personnel records.  
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30    The Student Representatives are expected to complete assignments for research and data collection  
31    when requested by the Board.  
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33    The Board can remove any Student Representative if they violate ACPS policy or Virginia law.  
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35    **Middle School Student Listening**  
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37    Gaining the perspective of middle school students provides valuable insights for the Board and  
38    helps students learn about the role of the Board. The appointed Board liaison to each middle school  
39    and the appointed Board liaison to the high school Student Representatives meets with the school's  
40    student council at agreed upon intervals and reports their findings to the Board.  
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42    The high school Student Representatives are encouraged to conduct listening sessions with middle  
43    school students of areas of particular importance.  
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56 Cross Ref.: BBBB-R High School Student Representatives to the School Board

57 Regulations