



Brooklyn Center School Board SY 2024-2025 Student Representative Application Form

The Brooklyn Center School Board welcomes another pair of student representatives in 2025. A student representative provides student views and suggestions for the development of educational policies and programs. The primary goal of the student representative is to give input on issues that affect all students and work together with the school board to improve the quality of Brooklyn Center Schools.

In this role, the student will serve as an “ex officio member,” meaning he or she is encouraged to influence decisions, but may not vote on them. The student will be recognized in board discussion in the same manner as School Board members.

About the 2024-2025 Student Representative

Eligibility. Any student, who is enrolled in the Brooklyn Center High School STEAM, Brooklyn Center Early College Academy, or Insight, is a junior or senior, and is dedicated and committed to being an advocate for Brooklyn Center youth. Applications are filled out by the student, and emailed to; Ms. Paxton (epaxton@bccs286.org) or Mr. Fraser (ifraser@bccs286.org) at Brooklyn Center High School STEAM; Ms. Portillo (iportillo@bccs286.org) or Mr. Miller (mmiller@bccs286.org) at Brooklyn Center Early College Academy and Insight.

Benefits. The student representative will gain a wide array of leadership skills through this unique opportunity. This may strengthen future college applications and/or resumes. A \$1000-dollar scholarship will be awarded.

Term of office. The student representative will serve a one-year (if a senior) or a two-year term (if your starting as a junior and participate the following year as a senior) from January 13, 2025, to December 15, 2025 or through December 14, 2026 if serving a two year term. They will be sworn in at the first school board meeting of the 2025 calendar year, January 13, 2025.

Time requirements. The student representative will be required to attend school board business meetings from 6:30 pm to approximately 8:30 pm on the second Monday of every month and one work session*, January 27, 2025*. In addition, the student representative can participate in school board work sessions that are applicable which occur on the fourth Monday of every month. The exact schedule is available at <https://www.bccs286.org/our-district/school-board>. The student will also make time between meetings to study the agenda materials and consult with the Superintendent and school board members if questions arise. The following meeting dates are set for 2025 and are as follows starting at 6:30 pm: January 13, January 27, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, and

December 8.


The Selection Process for the 2024-2025 Student Representative

The Selection Committee is composed of the Superintendent, one member of the School Board, and one principal. This committee will select the student representative the week of **November 4, 2024**. The committee will review each application carefully, selecting the student whose application materials best demonstrate their leadership skills, ability to set and follow through on goals, public speaking experience, dedication to public education, and other relevant experience. The decision of the Selection Committee is final. Applicants will not receive an evaluation on their applications, nor will their application materials be returned.

Announcement of student representative. The student is selected to serve on the Brooklyn Center School Board will be announced publicly the week of **November 11, 2024**.

Statement of Understanding: I have read the information about the 2024-2025 student representatives and the description of the selection process, both of which appear above. I understand and agree to participate in the selection process. If I am selected to the position of student representative, I will perform the responsibilities of the student representative to the best of my ability.	
Signature of applicant	Date
Signature of parent or guardian	Date

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Student Name	Email Address	Cell Phone Number
Student Address		BC Student ID
High School	Principal Name	Telephone Number
Parent or Guardian Name	Parent or Guardian Telephone Number	
Name of School Adult Sponsor (someone at your school that supports you and/or has helped you with this process)	Signature of School Counselor	
Do you have any family members who are an employee at Brooklyn Center Schools? If so, what is their relationship to you?	Are you multilingual? If so, what other language do you speak fluently?	
Recommendation: Brooklyn Center highly recommends that all students applying ask for support from a trusted adult to complete the application. Please complete the entire application, including the portion below.		
<p>Please give the completed application form to:</p> <p>Ms. Ella Paxton– Brooklyn Center High School STEAM (epaxton@bccs286.org)</p> <p>Ms. Isis Portillo-Brooklyn Center Early College Academy and Insight (iportillo@bccs286.org)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Application must be received by 3pm on Friday, October 24, 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No late or incomplete applications will be accepted or reviewed Interviews will be conducted Monday, November 4, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Candidates will be notified of selection results on Friday, November 8, 2024*</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The student is selected to serve on the Brooklyn Center School Board will be announced publicly the week of November 11, 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Candidates will be sworn in Monday, January 13, 2025</p>	

About the Brooklyn Center School Board

The Brooklyn Center School Board is a policy-making body responsible for selecting the superintendent and overseeing the district's budget, curriculum, personnel and facilities. The school board is granted authority to carry out these duties by the State of Minnesota and the Minnesota Legislature. The Brooklyn Center Board of Education is responsible for policies that govern education for Brooklyn Center students. The Superintendent serves as the Board's Chief Executive Officer and administers its policies. Brooklyn Center Board of Education consists of six school board members.

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About the Application Questions: Respond in the format that works best for you!

In the section below there are three short answer questions and two short essay questions. Observe the limits of your responses as indicated in each question. You may attach an additional page for your responses.

1.) Why are you interested in serving as the student representative on the Brooklyn Center School Board? Please limit your response to 100 words.

2.) What strengths do you bring to the School Board? Please limit your answer to 100 words.

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- 3.) If selected as a student representative, what are the skills you would like to develop? Please limit your response to 100 words.

2 Short Essay Questions

- 1.) In what way have your previous experiences equipped you for this position of student representative? Include your experiences with both peers and adults. Please limit your response to 250 words.

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2.) Describe a time in which you encountered a challenge. How did you identify it as a challenge? What was your response? Please limit your response to 250 words.

Please return this completed application and a letter of recommendation from an adult that is not related to you. (teacher, counselor, principal, dean, other school staff, boss, etc.)

Thank you for applying and we look forward to reviewing your application!