

Board of Trustees Douglas County School District

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Student Representative on the Board of Trustees

Purpose: To ensure student voices are heard, valued, and considered in decision-making processes, pertaining to anything that involves student items, the Board of Trustees will include a non-voting Student Representative position. This position will provide an opportunity for students to share their perspectives, engage in discussions and collaborate with the Board on items involving students.

Selection Process:

1. The Student Representative will be selected from the Junior and Senior classes of all District high schools.
2. Each high school will nominate one student for the position each semester.
3. The nominated students will undergo an application and interview process conducted by the Board of Trustees.
4. The Board will appoint the selected Student Representative based on criteria such as demonstrated leadership, communication skills, and commitment to the school community.

Term:

1. The Student Representative will serve a term of one (1) semester, each semester equal to four (4) months each, after which a new representative will be selected through the established process.
2. A Student Representative may serve multiple terms if selected through the established process and maintains eligibility after no one else that has not served yet and has requested to be considered by the Board of Trustees.

Responsibilities:

1. The Student Representative will receive the meeting agenda in advance.
2. During meetings, the Student Representative will have the opportunity to comment on agenda items, answer questions, and provide student perspectives on matters relevant to the school community.
3. The Student Representative will act as a liaison between student body and the Board, ensuring student concerns, ideas, and feedback are effectively communicated.
4. All student representatives must follow NRS regulations pertaining to Open Meeting Laws. District Office employees must provide the guidelines of NRS regulations to the student representative and they are expected to study the regulations, then ask questions and receive instructions per the Board President and/or the Board President appointed/approved Board Trustee or outside training for proper understanding of regulations.

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Eligibility and Expectations:

1. The Student Representative must maintain good academic standing and demonstrate a record of positive behavior through their term.
2. The Student Representative is expected to adhere to Board policies and bylaws, and conduct themselves professionally and respectfully during meetings and interactions with Board members.

Voting:

1. The Student Representative is a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees and will not participate in official voting procedures. Their role is to provide valuable input and perspective to inform Board decisions.

Removal and Replacement:

1. If the Student Representative fails to meet the eligibility criteria, maintain good standing, or fulfill their responsibilities, the Board reserves the right to remove the representative and initiate the selection process for a replacement.

Training and Support:

1. The Board President or Board President appointed Board Trustee will provide training, mentorship, and support to the Student Representative to ensure their understanding of Board of Trustees procedures, expectations, and responsibilities.

Limit of Program:

1. This program can be discontinued by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees at any time.

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