

Bylaw 9150 Student Board Member

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In order to enhance communication and collaboration between the Board of Trustees and the student body and to teach students the importance of civic involvement, the Board supports the participation of high school students in district governance.

Student Board members may, at the Board's discretion, receive elective course credit for service as a Student Board member based on the number of equivalent daily instructional minutes for the Student Board member's services provided (Education Code 35012, 35120).

Student Board members shall be entitled to be reimbursed for mileage to the same extent as other members of the Board, but shall not receive monetary compensation for attendance at Board meetings (Education Code 35012)

Petition

High school students may submit a petition to the Board requesting the appointment of at least one Student Board member. (Education Code 35012)

To qualify for Board consideration, the petition for student representation shall contain the signatures of at least 500 students or 10 percent of the number of students regularly enrolled in the district high schools, whichever is less. (Education Code 35012)

Within 60 days of receiving a student petition, or at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting if no meeting is held within 60 days, the Board shall order the inclusion of at least one student member on the Board. (Education Code 35012).

Choosing Student Board Members

One high school student shall be appointed by the Superintendent or designee with assistance from the current student board member and high school principal(s) to serve as the Student Board member for the subsequent school year. Each Spring, staff will work with district high school principals on a rotating basis to solicit applications from current Sophomores or Juniors in good standing (a Junior/Senior for the year of service).

Student Board members shall have permission from their parent/guardian to serve a one-year term. Student Board members shall be awarded for their year-long service to the Board and students of the district through a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded upon graduation from high school and verification of attendance in a college or university program, trade school, or equivalent program.

Term of Office

The term of Student Board member(s) shall be one-year, commencing on July 1. However, the Board may adjust the term of a Student Board member only if a vacancy occurs or in order to give more students an opportunity to serve on the Board. (Education Code 35012)

Regular attendance is expected during the months of August through May. Attendance is optional during the months of June and July.

Vacancy

If the position of Student Board member becomes vacant, another student Board member shall be appointed following the selection process noted above.

Alternate Student Board Member

If the Board determines that the Student Board member's duties are not being fulfilled, the Board may appoint another student to serve out the term of the Student Board member. If an alternate Student Board member is appointed, the Board shall suspend the prior Student Board member's rights and privileges related to service on the Board. (Education Code 35012)

Roles and Responsibilities of Student Board Members

Student Board members shall not be considered members of a legislative body for purposes of the Brown Act. (Education Code 35012)

The Student Board member will not be liable or responsible for actions taken by the Board of Trustees.

A Student Board member shall not be counted in determining the vote required to carry any measure before the Board or whether a quorum is in attendance at a meeting.

Student Board member(s) shall have the right to attend all Board meeting except closes sessions. (Education. Code 25012).

All materials presented to Board members, except those related to closed sessions, shall be presented to Students Board members at the same time they are presented to other Board members. Student Board member(s) shall also be invited to attend staff briefings or be provided with a separate staff briefing within the same timeframe as the briefing of other Board members. In addition, all materials given to Board members by the district between meetings, except for materials that pertain to closed session items, shall be distributed to Student Board members. (Education Code 35012).

Student Board member(s) shall be recognized at Board meetings as a full member(s), shall be seated with ither members of the Board, and shall be allowed to participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board member(s) shall be allowed to cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion. Preferential voting means a formal expression of opinion that is recorded in the minutes and case before the official vote of the Board. Preferential votes shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote (Education Code 35012).

Student Board member(s) may make motions that may be acted upon by the Board, except on matters dealing with employer-employee relations pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board members shall be appointed to subcommittees of the Board in the same manner as other Board members, and shall be made aware of the time commitment required to participate in subcommittee meetings and work and the right to decline an appointment. The availability of all subcommittee members, including the availability of Student Board members, may be considered when scheduling subcommittee meetings. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board members shall be invited to attend functions of the Board, such as forums, meetings with students and parents/guardians, and other general assemblies. (Education Code 35012).

Student Board Member Training

The Superintendent of designee may, at district expense, provide learning opportunities to Student Board members through trainings, workshops, and conferences, such as those offered by the California School Boards Association and other organizations, to enhance their knowledge, understanding, and performance of leadership skills and their Board responsibilities.

The Superintendent or designee may periodically provide information to Student Board member candidates to give them an understanding of the position. Once chosen or appointed, incoming Student Board members shall be provided an orientation designed to build knowledge of the district and an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of the position.

Elimination of the Student Board Member Position

Once established, the Student Board member position shall continue to exist until the Board, by majority vote of all voting members, approves a motion to eliminate the position. Such a motion shall be listed as a public agenda item for a Board meeting prior to the motion being voted upon. (Education Code 35012)

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Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

- Ed. Code 33000.5
- Ed. Code 35012
- Ed. Code 35120
- Ed. Code 35160
- Gov. Code 3540-3549.3
- Gov. Code 54950-54963

Description

- [Appointment of student member to State Board of Education](#)
- [Board members; number, election and terms](#)
- [Course credit for student board members](#)
- [Authority of governing boards](#)
- [Educational Employment Relations Act](#)
- [The Ralph M. Brown Act](#)

Management Resources

- Website
- Website
- Website
- Website

Description

- [CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)
- [California Association of Student Councils](#)
- [California Association of Student Leaders](#)
- [CSBA](#)

Cross References

Code

- 0410
- 3350
- 5121
- 5121
- 6142.3
- 6145
- 6145
- 9130
- 9230
- 9240
- 9250
- 9250-E(1)
- 9321
- 9321-E(1)
- 9321-E(2)
- 9322
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- 9323.2-E(1)
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- 9324

Description

- [Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities](#)
- [Travel Expenses](#)
- [Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement](#)
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- [Civic Education](#)
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