



## 2025-26 Student Board Member Application Packet

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The application may be found online at: <https://web.nmusd.us/board>

Completed application, including references and resume, must be emailed to the Executive Assistant to the Board Samantha Baltazar, [sbaltazar@nmusd.us](mailto:sbaltazar@nmusd.us), OR you may also use Google Docs (remember to allow “share” rights so anyone with the link may view and send the link via email to Samantha Baltazar, [sbaltazar@nmusd.us](mailto:sbaltazar@nmusd.us)).

**Completed applications must be received by April 30, 2025**

Questions? Please contact:

Leah Ersoylu, Board Vice-President: [lersoylu@nmusd.us](mailto:lersoylu@nmusd.us)

Samantha Baltazar, Executive Assistant: [sbaltazar@nmusd.us](mailto:sbaltazar@nmusd.us) or 714-424-5030

### Timeline

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- Distribution to all School Sites: April 1, 2025
- Deadline to Submit Application: April 30, 2025
- Final Candidate Interviews: Week of May 5, 2025; and if needed Week of May 12, 2025
- Introduction/Appointment of Student Board Members: Board Meeting on May 20, 2025, at 6 pm

### General Information

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The Student Board Member functions as a preferential voting member and Student Advisor to the Superintendent and the NMUSD Board of Trustees. The Student Board Member provides the NMUSD Governing Body with information regarding student interests and concerns and ideas thereby enhancing relevance and effectiveness of many school site and district programs.

**Eligibility:** Interested students who are *currently sophomores or juniors* may apply for the following school year. Applicants should be in good standing in their academics, community, and with their social peers.

**Representation:** One student board member from each comprehensive and alternative school site shall be appointed by the Board, for a total of seven (7) student board members.

**Term of Office:** The Student Board Member(s) will serve a one-year term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

**Time Requirements:** The estimated time commitment required for the Student Board Member will be at least one evening per month to attend Board meetings which begin at 6:00 p.m. Additionally, sufficient time is needed to study the agenda materials in advance of the meeting, which may include consultation with a Board or staff member prior to the board meeting (student board member agenda prep via Zoom) for background information related to agenda issues; additional time for handling Board-related business; attendance at the Superintendent’s Advisory Council, and any California School Board Association (CSBA) student board member workshops.

**Board Meeting Information:** Please note that all of the board meetings are live streamed on the NMUSD YouTube channel and that you will be on camera and in video recordings. Business casual attire is expected for all student board members.

## Selection and Appointment Process

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**Initial Screening:** Immediately after the application deadline, all applications will be screened. Applicants will not receive evaluations nor will their application materials be returned.

**Final Interview:** The NMUSD Board of Trustees shall interview final candidates the week of May 5, 2025.

**Appointment:** The NMUSD Board of Trustees will officially appoint seven (7) students who will take on the official role of Student Board Member. Other applicants may be asked to fill positions on the Superintendent's Advisory Council.

**Training:** The appointed student board members shall participate in a training on the roles and responsibilities of Boardmanship, The Brown Act, Robert's Rules of Order, ethics and other applicable board governance and community relations responsibilities.

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**Statement of Understanding:** *I have read the information about the 2025-26 Student Board Member and the description of the selection process for the 2025-26 Student Board Member and I understand and agree to participate in the selection process. If successful in the selection process and later appointment by the NMUSD Board of Trustees to the position of Student Board Member, I agree to fulfill the responsibilities of this office, beginning immediately following the selection. By my signature, I affirm I will not share derogatory or disparaging information, nor will I post any defamatory statements, pictures or phrases on any social network during the course of my tenure as a student board member. I shall perform the responsibilities of the Student Board Member to the best of my abilities.*

STUDENT NAME (First and last): \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

In the 2025-26 school year, I will be a:  Junior  Senior

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*I/We, as parent(s)/guardian(s) of this student, hereby give permission for our student to apply for this position.  
(Note: Only one parent/guardian signature is necessary.)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Phone Number of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*As Principal of this student's high school, I support this application for this office and certify that, from the school's perspective, there are no reasons why the student should not seek this office.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Reasonable Accommodation for Any Individuals with a Disability:** Pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodations to attend or participate in a meeting or function of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District’s Board of Education meetings, may request assistance by contacting Samantha Baltazar, Executive Assistant, 714-424-5030 or via email at sbaltazar@nmusd.us.

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Home School:</b>	
<b>Grade (current):</b>	
<b>Home Address:</b>	
<b>Home Phone:</b>	
<b>Cell Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	

**References:** Please provide two references below—one of which must be a current (non-relative) teacher, counselor, or administrator of the NMUSD and the second from a (non-relative) employer or community member.

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
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**Resume:** Please provide a resume outlining a brief written account of personal, educational and any paid or non-paid work experiences you may have.

**Transcript:** Please provide a copy of the most recent high school transcript of your grades.

**Letter of Recommendation:** Each candidate must supply a (non-relative) letter of recommendation, using the form included on the following page of this packet.

**Optional Items:** You may enclose supporting documents about yourself.

## RECOMMENDATION FOR THE POSITION OF NMUSD STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

*This recommendation must be returned to Executive Assistant to the Board Samantha Baltazar, sbaltazar@nmusd.us along with the completed application packet.*

–Please Print–

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent's Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant's Personal Qualities

- Please indicate applicant's strengths and reasons you believe that the student would be a robust candidate for the NMUSD Board of Trustees.
- Please stipulate any reservations you may have about the student serving in this position.

	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Maturity				
Professionalism				
Sensitive to the Attitudes of Others				
Honesty in Relationships				
Initiative				
Follow Through				
Communication Skills				
Time Management Skills				

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## APPLICANT QUESTIONS

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Please answer the four questions below in written form (no bulleted lists).

**1. What is your plan to effectively represent all students in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Schools?**

**2. Serving on this Board will require planning, reading, writing and meeting time. How will you balance this additional time demand with your academics, sports, work and other extracurricular demands?**

**3. Why I Wish to Serve as the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Student Board Member...**

**4. What I Would Hope to Accomplish During My Year as a Student Board Member...**