

Student Government 2025-2026 Information Packet *Student Board Member*

New position for the '25-'26 school year

You are allowed to hold this position along with another SGB officer position.

Application Packet due: May 23rd
Campaign Week: May 27th – May 30th
Elections via Forms: May 30th



Student Government Application Packet must be printed, filled out and returned to Mrs. Lewandowski no later than May 23rd. All sections must be complete in order to be considered for student government. If any component is not completed by the above date, you will not be allowed to run for the student board member position. The requirements are:

- ☒ Resume (see attached) Submit by May 23, 2025
- ☒ Commitment Letter (see attached) Submit by May 23, 2025
- ☒ Faculty/Staff Recommendations- link sent to all faculty.
- ☒ Prepare a campaign speech (see attached for details)

The selection process is overseen by the Student Government Advisor and Administration. The following point system will be used in determining election results:

General Election- 50%

Staff Recommendations- 50%

Student Board Member Short Essay

Name: _____

Circle Grade NEXT Year: 10 11 12

In no more than 250 words, please explain why you want to become the Student representative for the School Board.

Student Board Member Commitment Letter

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

I, _____ officially file this petition for the Student Board member position for the school year 2025-2026. I understand that I must maintain an 80% average to remain in this position in good standing. I fully understand that I must fill out all necessary paperwork, meet all general or specific qualifications and agree to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability, if elected. If I fail to maintain the minimum average, the minimum number of participation points, or violate the code of ethics, these are grounds for probation or impeachment from the position as Student Board member.

Candidate’s Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian’s Signature

Date

Faculty/Staff Recommendations (minimum 1 recommendation!)

Student Government Recommendations will be done electronically. Take the initiative to ask your teachers/counselor to take the time to recommend you. You may ask teachers/counselor/principals to evaluate you. EVERY STAFF member will have the opportunity to rate you, but you should take it upon yourself to ask those who you would like to recommend you. An average of all responses for you will be taken and factored into your score.

Student Board Member Guidelines 2025-2026

Responsibilities of the Ex Officio Student School Board Member:

- **Attend all school board meetings**

As a student representative on the school board, it's important that you attend the meetings. By being present, you can stay informed on all decisions being made and share your unique perspective on all matters. Regular attendance also demonstrates your commitment to the role and the seriousness of your responsibilities.

- **Review agenda and presentations before meetings**

Before each meeting, you'll be expected to go over the agenda and any presentations or reports. This will help you understand the topics that will be discussed and prepare any questions or comments. Staying informed on meeting materials will allow you to participate more effectively with meaningful contributions.

- **Participate in board discussions**

Your voice is important! As a student member, you are there to represent the views and concerns of your fellow students. Speak up during board discussions when you have thoughts, ideas, or concerns to share. It's also important to actively listen to other members and learn from their perspectives as well. However, the student will not be a voting member of the Board.

- **Understand the relationship between the Board of Education and the Superintendent**

One of your key responsibilities is understanding how the Board of Education and the Superintendent work together. The Superintendent is responsible for running the day-to-day operations of the district, while the board makes policy decisions. Understanding this relationship will help you better understand the decisions being made and the reasons behind them.

- **Represent yourself in the community as a school board representative**

As a student board member, you are a visible representative of the school district. This means that how you conduct yourself in and outside of meetings reflects on the board and the school district. Uphold the values of respect, integrity, and leadership as you interact with others in the community.

- **Refer any questions or concerns from the community to the Board President or Vice President**

If students, parents, or other community members come to you with concerns or questions, it's your job to listen and direct them to the proper channels. You don't have to solve the issue. Instead, refer them to the appropriate individual who is equipped to handle those inquiries.