

## **Bylaws of the Board**

### **STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

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In order to enhance communication and collaboration between the Governing Board 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.

#### **Credit, Compensation, and Liability**

The student Board member(s) may 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 35120)

The student Board member(s) shall be entitled to be reimbursed for mileage to the same extent as other members of the Board. (Education Code 35012)

A student Board member is not liable for any acts of the Board. (Education Code 35012)

#### **Student Board Member Positions Based on Board Authority**

There shall be 1 student Board member position(s) on the Board. (Education Code 35160)

#### **Student Board Member Eligibility, Selection, and Term**

Each student Board member shall be enrolled in a district high school and shall be selected by a vote of the applicable student body. (Education Code 35012)

Each high school has the opportunity to select a student board member representative each year. The selected representatives will rotate attending regular board meetings.

The term of the student Board member(s) shall be one year, commencing each July 1. The Board may adjust the term of a student Board member only if a vacancy occurs or to provide more students with an opportunity to serve on the Board. (Education Code 35012)

#### **Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Members**

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The student Board member(s) shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed sessions. (Education Code 35012)

The 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. Additionally, the student Board member(s) shall receive all materials given to Board members between meetings, except for materials that pertain to closed session items, at the same time they are presented to other Board members. (Education Code 35012)

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

The 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 cast before the official vote of the Board. Preferential votes shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. (Education Code 35012)

The 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)

The student Board member(s) shall be appointed to subcommittees of the Board in the same manner as other Board members, although a student Board member may decline an appointment. The availability of all subcommittee members, including the availability of the student Board member(s), may be considered when scheduling subcommittee meetings. (Education Code 35012)

The student Board member(s) shall not be considered members of the Board for purposes of the Brown Act. (Education Code 35012)

The student Board member(s) 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 Board meeting.

The student Board member(s) 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)

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#### Student Board Member Training

The Superintendent or designee may, at district expense, provide learning opportunities to the student Board member(s) 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 selected, the incoming student Board member(s) 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 Student Board Member Position

Once established, the student Board member position shall continue to exist until the Board, by majority vote of all voting Board 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 Governing 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*

#### **Management Resources**

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#### **Description**

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#### **Description**

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

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