

Student Advisory Board 2026-2027 Application



This application packet will be used for building a candidate pool for the 2026 - 2027 Student Advisory Board (SAB). This application will be used to select (2) future Student Board Members and SAB Representatives from the secondary schools for the 2026-2027 school year. Please review all the pages included to better understand the history, positions, responsibilities, and commitment necessary for applying to the SAB.

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Student Advisory Board (SAB) Overview

The Student Advisory Board (SAB) is a year-round program that introduces students to concepts of policy advocacy, applied social research, democratic governing, and grassroots organizing. The Student Advisory Board strives to promote student voice within the district and works to take action against problems faced by students.

Students of the SAB program represent the vast diversity of FCUSD middle and high school youth. SAB members range from 6th to 12th grade and vary in socio-economic background, ethnicity, religion, first language, immigration status, and experience with student government. There are two types of positions on the Student Advisory Board: Student Board Members & SAB Representatives

SAB representatives commit themselves to attending all monthly meetings and working to refine their skills in critical thinking, public speaking, and youth advocacy. SAB Co-Presidents serve as Student Board Members, bringing SAB initiatives directly to the FCUSD Board of Education. As youth advocates, they work together to ensure all student voices are represented.

SAB students are critical, passionate, and determined to advocate for all student voices across our district.

Student Advisory Board Expectations

The students on the Student Advisory Board are held to the highest standards of student leadership. We expect that all SAB members exhibit respect, critical thought, creativity, and passion every day.

Additionally, the following items are contractually required of all members:

- Attend ALL SAB Meetings:
 - Monthly meetings
 - All SAB activities are excused absences. Therefore, any academic assignments or assessments can be made up without penalty
 - Upon request, Board of Education meetings, district committee meetings, or Superintendent Round-table meetings.
- Work directly with the Student Board Members and the SAB Adult Advisor to promote authentic youth engagement at ALL FCUSD secondary schools.
- Assist in the identification and implementation of youth-adult action projects and training.
- Make presentations and agendas for and at various meetings and trainings:
 - School Board Meetings
 - Student community meetings
 - Other district committee meetings
- Assist with meeting and planning coordination.
- Act as a public relations representative for SAB.
- All position requirements are outlined on the SAB Representative and Student Board Member page
- Complete all position-specific requirements

Student Advisory Board Representatives

Position Description

SAB representatives are public leaders of the SAB who represent each of our 14 FCUSD secondary schools. They are highly visible students from FCUSD who work to ensure youth input and participation in decision-making processes. They work to ensure that school and district decision-making bodies hear the viewpoints of youth representing the diversity of FCUSD.

At a minimum, each secondary school site will have a minimum of 2 representatives.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Attend ALL SAB Meetings:
 - Meetings are monthly, Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at varying school sites.
 - All SAB activities are excused absences. Therefore, any academic assignments or assessments can be made up without penalty.
- Participate in public presentation building and delivery for various meetings and training.
- Serve as a public relations representative between your school and SAB
- Participate in district committees and/or task forces for student initiatives
- Ensure youth input is included in the development of district policies.
- Assist in community partnership development
- Help to maintain a positive social media presence of SAB
- Investigate student needs at the school site and report back to SAB
- Keep SAB informed of all school updates and events
- Act as a liaison between home, school, and SAB representatives

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Must be at least in the sixth grade at the start of the 2026-2027 school year
- Must have a parent/guardian signature
- Advocate for youth and community voice in a respectful, responsible, well-organized, and outspoken way.
- Able to communicate effectively with all students, district staff, and other community members.
- Meet all requirements specified on page 5.

Student Board Member

Position Description

The **Student Board Members (SBM)** have the largest and highest-profile set of responsibilities of all of the SAB. The Student Board Members serve as the public representatives of the entire FCUSD student body. They are a highly visible student from FCUSD who works to ensure youth input and participation in district decision-making processes. They work closely with the SAB and the FCUSD Board of Education to ensure that the viewpoints of youth representing the diversity of FCUSD are heard in district decision-making bodies. Two Student Board Members shall serve concurrently, representing two different high schools, one in Rancho Cordova and one in Folsom.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Attend ALL FCUSD Board of Education meetings from August - June
 - Meetings start from 6:00 pm and vary in time of ending
- Attend & facilitate ALL monthly SAB Meetings
 - All SAB activities are excused absences. Therefore, any academic assignments or assessments can be made up without penalty
- Write and present Student Board Member Reports to the FCUSD Board of Education
 - Ensure that student voices are heard in public arenas.
- Ensure youth input is included in the development of district policies.
- Make an effort to visit all schools within the district.
- Maintain visibility and approachability at community events.
- Preside over the SAB Elections process.
- All responsibilities are included within the *SAB Representative* roles.

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Must be at least a Junior at the start of the 2026-2027 school year.
- Previously served as a member of SAB or in a leadership position of another school-affiliated club.
- Must complete the Google Form application, including two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher, mentor, or other relevant adults; **relatives can not write your letter of recommendation**
- Must complete a public presentation for candidacy
- Must have a critical eye for public policy and student rights and be able to critically analyze certain CA, federal, and local policies affecting students.
- Advocate for youth and community voice in a respectful, responsible, well-organized, and passionate way, demonstrating the ability to communicate effectively with all students, district staff, and other community members.
- Meet all expectations specified on page 5.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND IMPORTANT DATES

March 4th, 2026	SAB Applications released
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March 16th, 2026	SBM Applications are due through Google Forms. You must use your FCUSD student account to access the application link below: https://forms.gle/LG5yW9BadYVbiKvk7
March 26th, 2026	SAB Applications are due through Google Forms. You must use your FCUSD student account to access the application link below: https://forms.gle/LG5yW9BadYVbiKvk7
March 17th - 20th, 2026	Interviews for Student Board Member conducted
March 20th, 2026	Candidates moving onto the SBM election are notified
March 25th , 2026	SBM campaign video due
March 25th - April 3rd, 2026	FCUSD secondary school students will be given the opportunity to vote for Student Board Members that represent their city of school attendance.
March 31st, 2026	SAB representative applicants notified of their acceptance.
April 16th, 2026	New Student Board Members introduced to SAB

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