



Student Representative to the School Board

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Policy 9005

Policy Statement

The school board values the voices of students and wishes to both encourage student involvement and promote a communications link between the school board and the students of the district by authorizing a student representative to serve on the school board as a non-voting member. The school board believes that the views, insights, and suggestions of a student representative on the school board can be an advantage to the school board in its decision-making role regarding educational policies and programs. The purpose of this policy is to define the selection, rights, and responsibilities of the student representative on the school board.

Selection and Term

The Student Government President or Senior Class President from all seven high schools will serve on the Red Clay Student Representation to the Board Council (student council). If the Student Government President or Senior Class President is not able to participate on the student council they will work in cooperation with the school Principal and Director of Secondary Schools to develop the process to designate a member to the student council.

The seven member student council will rotate monthly and designate a representative to attend regularly scheduled school board meetings while school is in session. Each school council member will serve as the representative to the board at least once per school year. The student council may also appoint a student representative to serve on any standing board committee.

The student council representatives must meet or exceed the established academic standards required for participation in interscholastic athletic programs.

The student council members shall serve a one-year term (July 1- June 30).

The student council will meet at least monthly rotating schools with an initial meeting to select representation for the school year prior to the June Board of Education meeting.

The committee will be guided by the Director of Secondary Schools.

Rights and Responsibilities

- The student representative on the school board will attend all regular school board meetings while school is in session. If the expectation of regular attendance is not met, the student council, in consultation with the superintendent and the student council advisor, will select another student representative to assume all duties of the student representative on the school board.
- The student representative will not be permitted to attend executive sessions of the board.
- The student representative, in consultation with the superintendent, may attend school board workshops and special meetings open to the public.
- The student representative will have a designated spot to sit next to the superintendent at the school board table for regular meetings.
- The student representative will be bound by all rules, policies, and regulations that bind the school board.
- The student representative will present a student council report at each meeting and may offer comments to the school board regarding items on the agenda that affect students.
- The student representative will not have the right to make or second motions nor vote on business matters before the board.
- The student representative will report to the student council regarding matters discussed at school board meetings that pertain to the student body at the next meeting of the student council.
- The student representative will not be furnished board materials such as, but not limited to:
 - Sensitive personnel matters
 - Legal action strategy
 - Negotiations strategy
 - Individual student discipline
 - Other confidential matters
- The student representative shall receive all other materials distributed to the school board in the board packets or at the school board meeting. All information received must be handled in an appropriate manner as a student representative on the school board.
- The student representative shall dress and act appropriately while serving on the school board in a manner consistent with other school board members.
- The student representative on the school board shall work to represent opinions of the student body and not solely the representative's own opinions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The student representative on the school board shall consult with the superintendent of schools in carrying out the responsibilities associated with serving as student representative on the school board. 	
Responsibility	The Board leadership and the Superintendent shall be responsible for compliance.	
References	Related Policies: 9004 Advisory Committees to the Board	
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