

<u>Section J:</u>	<b>Knox County Board of Education Policy</b>		
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	<b>Student Representative to the Knox County Board of Education</b>	<b>J-450</b>	<b>2/08</b>
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**PURPOSE**

The opinions and concerns of the students of Knox County Schools are important to the Board of Education. To increase Board awareness of the views of students, the Board shall have a Student Representative. The Student Representative will serve in a non-voting capacity, representing the interests of the students of Knox County Schools.<sup>1</sup>

**REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Student Representative shall:

- Be a resident of Knox County and a student in the Knox County Schools.
- Be enrolled as a senior at the start of the school year that the student is to serve.
- Participate in Board discussions, but will not have the right to make motions, vote, hold Board offices, or attend Executive Sessions.
- Be known as the Student Representative to the Board of Education and not a member of the Board.
- Serve not more than a single one-year term. The student representative will begin service on July 1 of the year of his or her election.
- Receive materials distributed to School Board members, with the exception of materials relating to individual students, individual employees, and other confidential matters exempt from disclosure by law.
- Receive services and support from the School Board office, with the prior approval of the School Board chairman.
- Be reimbursed for all expenses incurred while on School Board business, with the prior approval of the School Board chairman.
- Sit with Board members at the Board table.
- Be eligible to propose resolutions to the Executive Committee for consideration.

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**SELECTION PROCESS**

The Student Representative to the Board of Education shall be selected by May 1 of each year and will assume office on July 1.

The selection shall be by a committee composed of at least five (5) from the following:

- School Board member
- Assistant Superintendent of Strategy
- Knox County Schools Student Government Representative
- Mayor’s Youth Council Representative
- High School Administrator
- Community Representative
- Parent Representative
- Outgoing Student Representative

The selection committee members will be appointed by the Chair of the Board of Education on an annual basis by February.

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Legal Reference:

1. T.C.A. § 49-2-202.