



APPLICATION FOR STUDENT BOARD MEMBER MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Morgan Hill Unified School District and Board of Education are looking for one (1) Student Board Member and one (1) alternate Student Board Member to serve during the 2026-2027 school year.

ELIGIBILITY

Any high school senior in good standing (Class of 2027) attending **Central High School, Live Oak High School, or Ann Sobrato High School** enrolled in the Morgan Hill Unified School District during the 2026-27 school year may apply.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Completed applications must be received/submitted by August 19th, 2026, by 8:00 AM

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete and submit an MHUSD Student Board Member Application (paper version OR electronic version) by August 19th, by 8:00 AM
2. Candidates will be notified no later than August 20th. More information to follow.
3. A high school-wide election will be held on August 24-28th. More information to follow.
4. The Student Board Member Representative will be seated at the September 10, 2026, board meeting.

TIMELINE

- Call for Student Board Member announcement, May 29, 2026
- Application will be available on July 27th
- Applications due August 19th, at 8:00 AM
- Qualified candidates will be notified by August 20th, 2026, in the evening
- Candidate statement and campaign video due by August 21, at 12:00 PM
- Election via Google Form: August 24-28th (ballot closes at 3:30 p.m.)
- Contact and announce winners (student BOE/alternate): August 28 by the end of the day
- First official meeting with the Superintendent: first week of September 2026
- Student Board Member seated at the first September Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 PM

VOTING

All high school students in MHUSD attending Central High School, Live Oak High School, and Ann Sobrato High School will have the opportunity to vote once finalists are selected in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Board. (Education Code 35012)

TERMS OF OFFICE

The term of Student Board Member shall be one academic school year. This year, the term will commence in September and run through the first board meeting in June of 2027.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Student Board Members will be expected to attend all board meetings. The schedule for the 2026-2027 school year can be found here: <https://www.mhusd.org/about/board-of-education/board-meetings>

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

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

Closed Session Purposes and Agendas

All materials presented to Board members, except those related to closed sessions, shall be presented to Student Board Members at the same time they are presented to voting Board members. 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. (Education Code 35012)

Agenda/Meeting Materials

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)

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)

Minutes and Recordings

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)

A Student Board Member shall not be liable for any acts of the Board. (Education Code 35012) (cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)

Student Board Member(s) shall be entitled to be reimbursed for mileage to the same extent as other members of the Board, but shall not receive compensation for attendance at Board meetings. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board Member Development

The Superintendent or designee may, at district expense, provide learning opportunities to Student Board Members 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 their Board responsibilities.

Board Training

The Superintendent or designee may periodically provide an orientation for Student Board member candidates to give them an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of Board service



MHUSD STUDENT BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION PACKET

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student First and Last Name:	Student ID Number:
Student Email Address (<i>best one to reach you at</i>):	Grade Level in the 2026-2027 school year:
Student's Home Phone:	Student's Cell Phone:
High School:	Student Signature:
Student's Mailing Address:	
City:	Zip Code:
Parent/Guardian's Name:	Parent/Guardian's Phone:
Parent/Guardian's Signature	Parent/Guardian's Email:

MOST RECENT HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

- Please attach a copy of your most recent high school transcript. An unofficial copy will suffice.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

One letter of recommendation is required for this application. Your letter can be from a staff member at your high school (teacher, administrator, school counselor), or a coach, mentor, or someone who knows you well. The letter of recommendation cannot come from a family member.

Below, write the name of the individual writing the letter for you; be sure to include their relationship to you.

Name of Recommender	Relationship to you

WRITTEN RESPONSE STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Directions: Student applicants must respond to the question below. **Attach your response on a separate sheet.**

Required response:

1. Why do you want to serve on the Morgan Hill Unified School District Board of Education? Be sure to highlight any previous experience(s) that may have prepared you for this position. Please limit your response to 350 words