INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 196
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools
Educating, developing, and inspiring our students for lifelong success.

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Title **Student School Board Members**

1. **Purpose**

Student School Board members shall be advisors to, and work constructively with, the District 196 School Board and administration. They will provide a communication link between the School Board and District 196 students and, through their participation, gain practical governmental experience.

The student School Board members shall be non-voting participants on the School Board for the School District. Student School Board members are invited to all open School Board meetings; they will not attend closed meetings.

2. **Eligibility**

2.1 Students enrolled in Apple Valley High School, Eagan High School, Eastview High School, Rosemount High School, School of Environmental Studies, Dakota Ridge, or Area Learning Center (ALC), who have been a resident of District 196 for at least one year prior to the date of selection, shall be eligible to serve as a student Board member.

2.2 The student Board members must meet and maintain all eligibility requirements for co-curricular activities as detailed in the high school student handbook.

3. **Selection Process**

3.1 Student School Board candidates must submit a completed application by the communicated deadline.

3.2 A committee consisting of the Superintendent (or designee), school administrators, and one or two elected School Board members will interview selected candidates.

3.3 Each year in January, the committee will choose one 10th grade candidate to represent District 196 as a student School Board member for a two-year term, running from January of the student's 10th grade year through December of the student's 12th grade year, thereby maintaining two student School Board members serving continuously.

3.4 In January 2027, the first year of implementing student School Board members, the committee will also choose one Grade 11 candidate to represent District 196 as a student School Board member for a one-year term, running from January of the student's 11th grade year through December of the student's 12th grade year. This process will also be used to fill a vacancy if a student board member is unable to serve the second year of their term.

4. **Expectations for Student School Board Members**

Student School Board members shall:

4.1 Recognize the great responsibility of their position in representing the total student community and not an individual group.

4.2 Recognize that the School Board is a policy-making body rather than an administrative body.

4.3 Act only when the Board is in session unless authorized by the Board to perform a specific assignment.

4.4 Direct requests for action from those within the district (i.e. other students) through proper administrative channels.

4.5 Be willing and make every effort to attend all open meetings.

4.6 Be a non-voting participant of the School Board.

4.7 Receive the agenda that is sent to all School Board members and other related materials, as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

4.8 Be prepared with the agenda at each meeting.

4.9 Be courteous with School Board members and the public at all times.

4.10 Keep remarks brief and to the point; ask clear and concise questions.

4.11 Learn the identity of School Board members so that they can be addressed by name; make opportunities to talk with them informally.

4.12 Have a clear understanding as to the time commitment.

4.13 A student School Board representative who misses two consecutive regular School Board meetings may be removed from their position by the Superintendent or designee. Exceptional circumstances may be considered, but the Superintendent or designee should be notified of such absences in advance of the meeting to the extent possible.

4.14 A student School Board representative may be removed from their position for reasonable cause by the Superintendent or designee.