

Board Bylaw

Student Board Members

Revised
Second Reading

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Board Bylaws

The Board of Trustees believes, **to enhance communication between the Governing Board and the student body**, it is important to seek out and consider student's ideas, viewpoints and reactions to the district's educational programs **and operations**. **Therefore, the Board encourages the involvement of high school students in district governance.**

Selection of Student Board Member

Student Board members are by motion of the Board. The Board shall include **one or more** student Board members enrolled in the high school of the district.

The student Board member shall be **elected** by the **students** enrolled in the high school or high schools of the district in accordance with procedures approved by the Board prior to the appointment of a student Board member. **(Education Code 35012)**

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

Student Board member election by the student body for the upcoming school year shall be annually during the month of May.

Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Members

The term of a student Board member shall be one year, commencing on July 1. (Education Code 35012)

A student Board member shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed sessions. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

A student Board member shall be seated with regular Board members and be recognized at meetings as a full member. The student Board member has the right to speak at every meeting, to sit with the other members during regular meetings, to give opinions regarding any issue, and to receive all mail which other Board members receive except those related to closed sessions or confidential matters. He/she may participate in questioning presentations and discussing issues. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

Student Board **members** may cast a vote on any item of interest, excluding matters related to employee-employer relations. The vote is recorded in the Board minutes. The vote does not count toward any total. The vote is a very strong indication of how the students feel and have felt about issues throughout the years. (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 Development

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall, at district expense, provide learning opportunities to student Board members, through trainings, workshops, and conferences, to enhance their knowledge, understanding, and performance of their Board responsibilities.

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.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33000.5 Appointment of student members to State Board of Education

35012 Board members; number, election and terms; **student** members

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations Act

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Association of Student Councils: <http://www.casc.net>

California Association of Student Leaders: <http://www.caslboard.com>

National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>