

ORGANIZATION, PHILOSOPHY, AND GOALS

School Board Bylaws

Student Representative to School Board

This policy supersedes Policy 1802.7.

I. PURPOSE

To establish the position of student representative to the School Board. The student representative is not a member of the School Board but serves in a nonvoting, advisory capacity, representing the interests of the students of Fairfax County Public Schools, as authorized by the Code of Virginia.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

- A. Section III.A. changes “by February 15” to “during the month of February” because inclement weather could prevent compliance.
- B. Section III.A. changes “serve” to “represent” for clarification.
- C. Reference to Policy 1809, Remuneration and Reimbursement for School Board Members, has been deleted because the policy has been rescinded.

III. SELECTION PROCESS

- A. The student representative to the School Board shall be elected during the month of February.
- B. The election shall be by a convention of the Student Advisory Council (SAC). The voting delegates will consist of the four SAC representatives elected to represent each school during the school year in which the election is held. The county SAC officers, with the approval of the county SAC sponsor, shall determine the procedures for the election.

IV. ROLE

The student representative shall:

- A. Be a resident of Fairfax County and a student in Fairfax County Public Schools.
- B. Be elected by the convention of the SAC.
- C. Be known as the student representative to the School Board and not as a member of the Board.

- D. 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.
- E. Serve as a liaison with the SAC. After the election and before beginning service as student representative, the student representative-elect will serve on the Superintendent's Community Advisory Council and attend SAC meetings.
- F. 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.
- G. Receive services and support from the School Board office and staff members, with the prior approval of the School Board chairman.
- H. Be reimbursed for all expenses incurred while on School Board business, with the prior approval of the School Board chairman.
- I. Attend and be compensated for participation in all public meetings with compensation not to exceed \$50 per day.
- J. Sit with Board members at the Board table.
- K. Participate in Board discussion.
- L. Be eligible to propose resolutions for consideration. (The introduction of motions and formal resolutions is restricted to members of the Board.)
- M. Be eligible to state how he or she would have voted, had the student representative been eligible to vote, following the Board vote on any matter.

IV. OTHER

The chairman of the School Board, with the assistance of the clerk of the Board, shall serve as mentor to the student representative.

Legal Reference: Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-86.1

Policy

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