

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

In order to enhance communication and collaboration between the Governing Board and the student body and to teach students the importance of civic involvement, the Board supports the participation of high school students in district governance.

Student Board members may, at the Board's discretion, receive elective course credit for service as a student Board member based on the number of equivalent daily instructional minutes for the student Board member's services provided. (Education Code 35012, 35120)

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 monetary compensation for attendance at Board meetings. (Education Code 35012)

A student Board member shall not be liable for any acts of the Board. (Education Code 35012)

Election of Student Board Member

A student board member position shall be filled by a vote of students enrolled in the high school(s) in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Board in administrative regulation 9150 – Superintendent's Student Advisory Council and Student Board Member (Education Code 35012)

The term of student Board member(s) shall be one year, commencing on July 1. However, the Board may adjust the term of a student Board member only if a vacancy occurs or in order to give more students an opportunity to serve on the Board. (Education Code 35012)

Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Members

Student Board members shall not be considered members of a legislative body for purposes of the Brown Act. (Education Code 35012)

A student Board member shall not be counted in determining the vote required to carry any measure before the Board or whether a quorum is in attendance at a Board meeting.

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

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 other Board members. Student Board member(s) shall also be invited to attend staff briefings or be

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provided with a separate staff briefing within the same timeframe as the briefing of other Board members. In addition, all materials given to Board members by the district between meetings, except for materials that pertain to closed session items, shall be distributed to student Board members. (Education Code 35012)

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)

Student Board members shall be appointed to subcommittees of the Board in the same manner as other Board members and shall be made aware of the time commitment required to participate in subcommittee meetings and work and of the right to decline an appointment. The availability of all subcommittee members, including the availability of student Board members, may be considered when scheduling subcommittee meetings. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board members shall be invited to attend functions of the Board, such as forums, meetings with students and parents/guardians, and other general assemblies. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board Member Training

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 leadership skills and their Board responsibilities.

The Superintendent or designee may periodically provide information to student Board member candidates to give them an understanding of the position. Once appointed, incoming student Board members shall be provided an orientation designed to build knowledge of the district and an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of the position.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS (continued)**Alternate Student Board Member**

If the Board determines that the student Board member's duties are not being fulfilled, the Board may appoint another student to serve out the term of the student Board member. If an alternate student Board member is appointed, the Board shall suspend the prior student Board member's rights and privileges related to service on the Board. (Education Code 35012)

Elimination of Student Board Member Position

Once established, the student Board member position shall continue to exist until the Board, by majority vote of all voting Board members, approves a motion to eliminate the position. Such a motion shall be listed as a public agenda item for a Board meeting prior to the motion being voted upon. (Education Code 35012)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State Reference

Ed. Code 33000.5
Ed. Code 35012
Ed. Code 35120
Ed. Code 35160
Gov. Code 3540-3549.3
Gov. Code 54950-54963

Description

Appointment of student member to State Board of Education Board members; number, election and terms
Course credit for student board members
Authority of governing boards
Educational Employment Relations Act
The Ralph M. Brown Act

Management Resources

Website
Website
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Website

Description

CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
California Association of Student Councils
California Association of Student Leaders
CSBA

Cross References

Code
0410
3350
5121
6142.3
6145
9130

Description

Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities
Travel Expenses
Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement
Civic Education
Extracurricular And Cocurricular Activities
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