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The Board recognizes that students are the primary reason for the existence of the school district. It considers the experience gained by students in the district to be a valued source for improving the operation of the school district. The Board is also desirous of furthering the experience of students in the governance process and providing opportunities for students to contribute to the future direction of the school district. To this end, the Board authorizes the appointment of one student representative(s).

Qualifications

The individual(s) elected (**or appointed**) as a student representative(s) to the Board shall:

1. Be a member of the student body in grades 9 to 12;
2. Have a grade average of >85.

Term

Student representatives to the Board shall serve a term of one year by appointment. Each student representative(s) shall be appointed by the high school principal.

Student representatives shall attend all public meetings of the Board and shall be entitled to speak at the discretion of the Board President on all matters before the Board except as may be prohibited by New Jersey Statute or Code. Student representatives shall not be entitled to vote. All confidential information obtained by virtue of membership shall be held as such by student representatives. Student representatives shall be held to the same code of ethics as elected and appointed members of the Board.

Duties and Responsibilities

Student representatives:

1. Attend all public Board meetings.
2. Shall be excluded from executive sessions of the Board.
3. Represent the views of the student body.



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4. Suggest through appropriate channels Board agenda items.
5. Participate in Board discussions and deliberations at the discretion of the Board President.
6. Serve on Board committees and attend committee meetings at the discretion of the Committee Chairperson.
7. Shall be excluded from sensitive and confidential discussions and communications (e.g. matters involving personnel, grievances, negotiations, litigation, real property purchase and other sensitive matters).
8. Receive all Board public agendas.
9. May attend the Board orientation sponsored by the New Jersey School Boards Association.
10. Perform such duties as determined by the Board President in consultation with the Superintendent.

Student representatives are expected to adhere to all bylaws, policies and regulations of the Board in their role. The Board in no way relinquishes any of its authority, powers, prerogatives or responsibilities but rather adds to its membership a non-voting student representative(s) for the mutual benefit of the Board, student body, and the school district.

Adopted:

