

SUBJECT: STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

ORIGINATING OFFICE: ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, PERSONNEL

EFFECTIVE: **AUGUST 13, 2019**

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.

Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Members

Student Board member(s) shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed (executive) 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 voting Board members. Student Board member(s) shall also be invited to attend staff briefings or be provided with a separate staff briefing within the same timeframe as the briefing of other 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)

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

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

Student Board Member Development

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 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 member to State Board of Education
35012 Board members; number, election and terms; student members
35160 Authority of governing boards

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>