

Student Board Member

The Board believes it is important to seek out and consider students' opinions, viewpoints and reactions to the educational program and to those issues affecting students in order to provide student input and involvement.

The duties of the student Board member include the following:

1. To represent all students and contribute to the discussion of issues affecting students.
2. To strengthen communications between the Board and District students.
3. To provide information to the Board regarding student issues and activities in the District.

The Board shall include a student representative. The term of the student Board member shall be one school year with no term limits, commencing in the fall semester and concluding in June. 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).

The student representative shall be elected annually by the Student Advisory Council from its membership, comprised of students from each high school: Clark Magnet, Crescenta Valley, Daily, Hoover and Glendale High Schools. Each high school will have three votes when selecting the Student Board member. Schools may have more than three representatives participate on the Student Advisory Council. When a school has more than three students participating on the Student Advisory Council, three members will be designated as "voting members" for the purpose of selecting the Student Board member.

In the event that a student is unable to complete a term on the Board, the Student Advisory Council shall declare a vacancy and elect another student from its membership to fill the unexpired term. If the Board determines that the student Board member's duties are not being fulfilled, the Board may appoint another student to serve as an alternate student Board member or request that the Student Advisory Council appoint an alternate. 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)

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 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)

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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, be made aware of the time commitment required to participate in subcommittee meetings and work, and have 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 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 provide. (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)

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 whether a quorum of the Board is in attendance.

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.

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The Superintendent or designee may periodically provide information to student Board member candidates to give them an understanding of the position. Once chosen or 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.

Elimination of 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)

Student Advisory Council

The Board of Education believes that student opinion and input are important to the decision-making process affecting the educational program of the District. To help facilitate and strengthen communications among the Board of Education, District administration and students, a Student Advisory Council shall be established for the purpose of discussing issues of mutual concern, exchanging ideas, providing advice on topics affecting students of the District, and review and comment on the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) development. Matters relating directly to the interest of students may include: rights and responsibilities, curriculum, grading, graduation requirements, school standards, attendance, discipline, and co-curricular activities. Whenever possible the Student Advisory Council should represent the diversity present amongst the overall high school population including students who participate in the free/reduced meal program, English learners, foster/homeless youth, and other numerically significant student subgroups.

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