

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

The Board of School Directors recognizes that the students attending the Warren County School District are the most important concern of the school district. The Board establishes the positions of Student Representative to the School Board, one for each attendance area, to create a communication link between itself and the student body.

Student representation to the Board is intended to provide a better understanding of the needs and concerns of students with the ultimate goal of improving the educational program. The student representatives will share information and keep the Board apprised of the affairs, functions, activities and concerns of the student body.

Additionally, this participation will provide a practical governmental experience for those students selected.

1. The Student Representatives shall serve as representatives of the student body, both seeking and reflecting fellow student's concerns and positions on school matters.
2. The Student Representatives shall participate in monthly committee meetings with representatives being assigned to one of the four committees and then rotating throughout the committees during the course of the year so that each student participates in each committee for an equal period of time.
3. The Student Representative shall have their opinions heard and considered during public discussions of agenda items as well as in other meetings to which s/he has been invited by the Board President and/or committee chair.
4. The Student Representative shall have the opportunity to access the electronic agenda in advance of all public Board meetings which will include access to copies of agendas and non-confidential materials.
5. The Student Representative shall be aware of the great responsibility of his/her position in representing the total student community and not any individual group.
6. The Student Representative shall be aware that the Board is a policy making body rather than an administrative body.
7. The Student Representative shall act only when the Board is in session unless authorized by the Board to perform a specific assignment.
8. The Student Representative shall have the opportunity to submit agenda items through appropriate channels.

9. The Student Representative shall recognize that effective democratic procedure exists when all Board members support the implementation of policy that has been approved by majority action at an open public meeting.
10. The Student Representative shall provide constructive comments and focus on facts, not opinions.
11. The Student Representative shall meet with student government representatives and other interested student groups to discuss policies, actions and decisions that affect students.
12. The Student Representative shall be willing and able to attend all Committee meetings, except sessions concerning specific personnel matters, including, but not limited to employee performance, student discipline hearings, negotiations and grievances, as well as consideration of the sale or transfer of property and/or any other matter permitted to be discussed by the Board of School Directors in closed Executive Session under the Public Agency Open Meeting Law of 1974.
13. The Student Representative shall refer requests for action through proper administrative channels.
14. The Student Representative shall be a non-voting participant in all committee meetings or other meetings to which they are invited by the Board of School Directors.
15. The Student Representatives shall report any absences from the general meeting to the designated administrator.
16. The Student Representatives shall sit at the Board table along with other Board members during the Committee meeting that they are serving.

Eligibility

1. There shall be one student representative from each attendance area to the Board of School Directors Committees. Each representative will serve a rotation on each committee.
2. The student must meet the following criteria in order to qualify for the position:
 - a. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
 - b. Exhibit characteristics of good citizenship, leadership, with no history of school suspension (or serious disciplinary actions).
 - c. Record of good attendance and punctuality.

- d. Willingness and commitment to attend all assigned meetings.
3. Junior students who desire to serve as a Student School Board Representative during their senior year shall secure an election packet containing the following:
 - a. Eligibility requirement and job description.
 - b. Petition.
 - c. Essay form.
 - d. Commitment form.
4. The petition requires thirty student signatures and two teachers' signatures.
5. A written statement is required which describes the candidate's interest and goals which must be presented to the building principal for submission to the Board.

Term Of Office

1. The Student Representative will serve a one year term beginning December 1 of their junior year and terminating November 30 of their senior year.
2. Selection will be held in October of each school year.

Selection Process

1. The Student Representative candidate will submit a completed packet to the Selection Committee.
2. The Selection Committee shall be appointed by the Board of School Directors, and be comprised of members of the Board, faculty and administration. The committee will be comprised of six (6) or seven (7) members.
3. The Selection Committee will choose the Student Representative and an alternate from those candidates that have met all the eligibility requirements.

Dismissal

The failure or inability of the Student Representative to fulfill the responsibilities of the office or if the Student Representative discredits the integrity of the Warren Area School District or its School Board, would be considered cause for removal from office.

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Vacancy

If removal or replacement is necessary, the Student Representative alternate would serve as replacement and serve the remaining unexpired term.