

Board Bylaws

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

BB 9150 (a)

The Board of Trustees believes that engaging the student body and seeking its input and feedback regarding the district's educational programs and activities are vital to achieving the district's mission of educating district students and supports the participation of high school students in district governance.

To enhance communication and collaboration between the Board and the student body and to teach students the importance of civic involvement, the Board shall include one student representative from each high school, selected by the district's high school students in accordance with procedures approved by the Board. . (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

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

(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)

Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Members

The term of a student Board Member representative shall be one school year, commencing on September 1 of each year. A student representative shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed (executive) sessions. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

A Student Board Member representative 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)

(cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)

(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits)

A student representative shall be seated with other members of the Board. In addition, a student representative shall be recognized as a full member at Board meetings and shall be allowed to participate in discussing issues. They shall also have access to all materials presented to other Board members except those related to closed sessions, and may participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues except those related to discipline, personnel, and employer-employee relations. The student representative is encouraged to seek and share the views of the students on issues concerning the educational program. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

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BB 9150 (b)

Student Board Members shall be allowed to cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion. Preferential votes 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)

(cf. 9324 - Minutes and Recordings)

Student Board member(s) may make motions that may be acted upon by the Board, except on matters dealing with employer-employee relations pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3. (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)

(cf. 9130 - Board Committees)

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 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.

(cf. 9240 - Board Training)

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

(cf. 9230 - Orientation)

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BB 9150 (c)

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 as an alternate 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 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)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33000.5 Appointment of student members to State Board of Education

35012 Board members; number, election and terms; student members

35120 Course credit for student board members

35160 Authority of governing boards

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations Act

54950-54964 Ralph M. Brown 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>

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