

Bylaw 9150: Student Board Members

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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.

The Governing Board believes it is important to seek out and consider students' ideas, viewpoints and reactions to the educational program. In order to provide student input and involvement, the Board shall include one student Board member and an alternate selected in accordance with procedures approved by the Board.

The Student Advisory Board will be abolished and replaced by a Student Intra-District Leadership Council.

The Manager, Student Services, will serve as advisor and will carry out the duties and guidelines of Student Intra-District Leadership Council.

Student Board Member Eligibility, Selection, and Term

Each student Board member candidate shall be enrolled in a district high school and shall be selected by a vote of the applicable student body. (Education Code 35012)

If the district has more high schools than student Board member positions, the student Board member position(s) shall rotate annually between the high schools of the district, alternating Title I and non-Title I schools in the following order: Willow Glen, Abraham Lincoln, Pioneer, Gunderson, Leland, San José).

Eligible schools will include either the Student Board Member or Alternate Student Board Member position on the spring student election ballot. During the 2025-2026 school year:

- Willow Glen High School will include "Student Board Member" on the spring officer election ballot. The student elected during their junior year (2025-2026) will serve as the Student Board Member during their senior year (2026-2027).
- Abraham Lincoln High School will include "Alternate Student Board Member" on the spring officer election ballot. The student elected during their sophomore year (2025-2026) will serve as the Alternate Student Board Member during their junior year (2026-2027).

Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and annually thereafter:

- The Alternate Student Board Member shall become the Student Board Member during the student's senior year, provided the student remains enrolled in the district.
- The next high school on the list shall include the position of "Alternate Student Board Member" on the spring officer election ballot. The student elected in the spring of their 10th grade year will serve as the Alternate Student Board Member during the following school year as a junior.

Upon completion of the alternate term and continued enrollment in the district, the Alternate Student Board Member shall assume the office of Student Board member without an additional election.

The term of student Board members shall be one fiscal year, commencing on July 1. The Board may adjust the term of a student Board member only if a vacancy occurs or to provide more students with an opportunity to serve on the Board. (Education Code 35012)

Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Members

The Student Board member(s) shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed sessions. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board members shall be seated with regular Board members and be recognized at meetings as full members. They may participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues and shall receive all materials presented to Board members except those related to closed sessions. (Education Code 35012)

The 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)

The student Board member(s) shall not be considered members of the Board for purposes of the Brown Act. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board members shall be seated as the chairperson to the Student Intra-District Leadership Council and the Alternate Student Board member shall serve as the vice chairperson.

Student Board members may be reimbursed for mileage but shall not receive compensation for attendance at Board meetings. (Education Code 35012)

The student Board member may cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion, and shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. Preferential votes shall be recorded in the Board meeting minutes. (Education Code 35012)

Alternate Student Board Member

The Board shall maintain a student Board member alternate position. The alternate shall serve in the absence of the student Board member and shall assume the office of student Board member for the subsequent term in accordance with this bylaw.

If the student Board member becomes unable to serve or is removed from the position, the alternate shall serve the remainder of the term.

If the alternate position becomes vacant, the Superintendent or designee may conduct a selection process to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

Elimination of Student Board Member 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)

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Governing Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

	Description
Ed. Code 33000.5	Appointment of student member to State Board of Education
Ed. Code 35012	Board members; number, election, and terms
Ed. Code 35120	Student board membership
Ed. Code 35160	Authority of governing boards
Gov. Code 3540-3549.3	Educational Employment Relations Act
Gov. Code 54950-54963	The Ralph M. Brown Act

Management Resources

	Description
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Association of Student Councils
Website	California Association of Student Leaders
Website	CSBA

Cross References

0410
3350
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