

Bylaw 9150: Student Board Members

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ADOPTED

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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 **two** high school students in district governance.

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 provided. (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, **and** shall receive monetary compensation for attendance at Board meetings. (Education Code 35012)

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

Petition

High school students may submit a petition to the Board requesting the appointment of at least one student Board member. (Education Code 35012)

To qualify for Board consideration, the petition for student representation shall contain the signatures of at least 500 students or 10 percent of the number of students regularly enrolled in district high schools, whichever is less. (Education Code 35012)

Within 60 days of receiving a student petition, or at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting if no meeting is held within those 60 days, the Board shall order the inclusion of at least one student

member on the Board. (Education Code 35012)

Choosing Student Board Members

A student Board member shall be chosen by students enrolled in the district's high schools in accordance with procedures approved by the Board. The term of the student Board member shall be one calendar year, commencing on July 1. Student Board members 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)

Student Board members may be reimbursed for mileage **and** shall receive compensation for attendance at Board meetings. (Education Code 35012)

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

Eligibility

Any student in good standing enrolled in a high school of the district who exhibits qualities of leadership and demonstrates a desire to represent the interests of all students is eligible to be selected a student representative to the Board.

Rotation

The two student representatives to the Board shall be selected by rotation based on high school locations relative to Highway 101.

Student Board Member 1:

The first student representative to the Board shall be selected by rotation among high schools located West of Highway 101.

Student Board Member 2:

The second student representative to the Board shall be selected by rotation among high schools located East of Highway 101.

Selection

The current student representative shall have the responsibility for setting in motion the selection process for the succeeding student representative. A student committee comprised of Student

Body Presidents, Ridgway High School representative, the current student representative to the Board, the Principal and the Director of Secondary Education shall choose the succeeding representative to the Board. The selection process shall be completed in time for presentation of the new Student Board Member to the Board by the first meeting in June.

Student Board Member shall be seated at the first meeting following the end of the school year.
Removal from Office

The Board shall declare a vacant position for any Student Board Member on the happening of any of the following events before the expiration of the term:

1. Death of the student
2. Resignation
3. Failure to attend regularly scheduled Board meetings from September 1 to June 30 for a period of three consecutive months, except when prevented by illness.
4. Disciplinary action taken against the student representative, such as expulsion or suspension.

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

Code

Description

0410

[Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities](#)

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[Travel Expenses](#)

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[Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement](#)

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