

**Board Policy Manual**  
**Santa Rosa City Schools**

**Bylaw 9150: Student Board Members**

**Status:**  
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, ~~but~~ **and** shall ~~not~~ 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~~ prescribed by the Board. (Education Code 35012)

The term of ~~the~~ student Board member(s) shall be one ~~calendar~~ year, commencing on July 1. ~~Student Board members.~~ 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)

### **Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Members**

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 the vote required to carry any measure before the Board or whether a quorum is in attendance at a Board meeting.

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, 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 ~~presented~~ given to Board members ~~except those related to closed sessions.~~ 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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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) ~~may~~ shall be allowed to 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**¶

~~Student representative to the~~ 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 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, and shall be made aware of the time commitment required to participate in subcommittee meetings and work and of 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 selected by rotation among Elsie Allen, Maria Carrillo, Montgomery, Piner, Ridgway, and Santa Rosa High Schools.~~

**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.

Disciplinary action taken against the student representative, such as expulsion or suspension.

<b>State</b>	<b>Description</b>
Ed. Code 33000.5	<a href="#">Appointment of student member to State Board of Education</a>
Ed. Code 35012	<a href="#">Board members; number, election and terms</a>

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 ¶¶

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~~0410 ¶¶~~ [Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities ¶¶](#)

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0410	<a href="#">Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities</a>
3350	<a href="#">Travel Expenses</a>
5121	<a href="#">Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement</a>
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6142.3	<a href="#">Civic Education</a>

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9250-E(1)	<u>Remuneration, Reimbursement And Other Benefits</u>
9321	<u>Closed Session</u>
9321-E(1)	<u>Closed Session</u>
9321-E(2)	<u>Closed Session</u>
9322	<u>Agenda/Meeting Materials</u>
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9323.2-E(1)	<u>Actions By The Board</u>
9324	<u>Minutes And Recordings</u>