

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE
BOARD POLICY**

STUDENTS

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The Board of Education views student participation in school affairs as an intrinsic part of the educational process. This District will encourage students to participate through planned program and procedures in the government of the school.

As citizens, students shall have the right to acquire an education appropriate to their interests and potential. They shall have the privilege of genuine participation in planning instructions and they shall have the responsibility to assist in devising regulations for student conduct which provide for all students an educational climate free from interference and interruption.

By participating more actively, students can be a resource to the improvement of schools and reduce cultural, generational, and authority barriers to communications.

Requirements of the Position:

1. Students who are selected to represent the student body shall:
 - a. Have a 2.00 or higher cumulative grade point average.
 - b. Schedule for or have appropriate credit accumulation for graduation.
 - c. Have permission of parents to serve.
 - d. Provide his/her own transportation to Board meetings.
 - e. Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings.
 - f. Study Board materials and be prepared to discuss items of pupil interest and concern as requested by the Board.
 - g. Have the time and willingness to prepare for a follow-up on Board meetings as necessary.
 - h. Participate in exit interview at termination of their term during the June Board meeting.

Participation and Selection:

1. Student participation on the Board of Education shall consist of two representatives from the Senior High School; one participant representing grades nine and ten and one representing grades eleven and twelve.
2. Student elections will be held at the on-set of each academic year. Each area of representation will vote at large for the candidate of their choice.
3. All appointments shall require final approval of the Board of Education.

Term of Service:

1. Student representatives to the Board shall serve for one year from September 15 to June 14. Attendance at Board meetings is optional between June 15 and August 31, but required between September 15 and June 14.

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Status:

1. Student members selected to meet with the Board will:
 - a. Be advisory rather than regular voting members.
 - b. Serve at the pleasure of both the students in the Senior High School and the Board of Education.
 - c. Not be liable or responsible in the same way as our regular Board of Education members, for action taken by the Board of Education.

Functions:

1. In matters requiring the Board's consideration, student representatives shall provide advice in areas of direct pupil concern.
2. The Board shall decide the extent of student participation in its deliberations, but it is understood that generally there will be no participation in personnel items, all executive sessions, and certain other areas not appropriate to pupil determination.
3. The student representative shall report back to the student council which he/she represents.

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