

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The Board of Education ~~believes~~ recognizes that experience gained by and input from students in the school district is a valued source for improving the operations of the school district. ~~-having student representation on the Board of Education is consistent with and promotes the mission of the South Orange and Maplewood School District.~~ To this end, and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1.3 and N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-11.2, the Board authorizes the appointment of a minimum of two students selected by the student body to serve as a non-voting student ~~member~~ representatives ~~to be seated with on~~ the Board. ~~and to participate in public deliberations.~~ Additionally, the Board authorizes the appointment of an alternate, who will serve as a non-voting student member of the Board ~~in the absence of the student representative~~ The student representatives must be selected from one of the grades nine through twelve.

The student body may elect or appoint the student representative to the Board. The two student representatives shall be elected by the student body at large, and shall attain a plurality of the votes in the election. The election shall occur on the same date as the election for Student Council officers at the High School. In the event of a contested election for student representative, the candidates receiving the first and second highest number of votes shall become the student representatives. The student representatives shall not be required to serve as a student Council Officer. If there are insufficient candidates for student representative may be appointed at the discretion of the Superintendent. When making changes to the process the Superintendent or designee shall consider input provided by the student body. Superintendent or designee shall consider input provided by the student body.

Qualifications

~~The individual candidates for student representative and student representative alternate to the Board shall:~~

- ~~1. Be members of the Columbia High School student body in grades 9 to 11;~~
- ~~2. Acquire signatures from at least ten (10) teachers or staff members, as well as seventy five (75) students; and~~
- ~~3. Have attended school in the district for at least two (2) years.~~

Term

The ~~term of the~~ student representative shall serve ~~be~~ for a one (1) school year term and their duties shall include:-



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1. Attending all Board meetings, excluding any discussions of the Board involving subjects which are confidential;
2. Representing all high school students within the district and presenting student proposals and concerns to the Board for its consideration; and
3. Keeping high school students informed of the business of the Board by providing a monthly report to the Student Council concerning the activities of the Board.

Student representatives are expected to adhere to all bylaws, policies, and regulations of the Board in their role. The Board in no way relinquishes any of its authority, powers, prerogatives, or responsibilities, but rather adds to its membership a nonvoting student representative(s) for the mutual benefit of the Board, student body, and the school district.

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N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1.3; 18A:36A-11.2

Election

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Duties and Responsibilities

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~~The student representative will receive a copy of the public Board agenda. The student representative to the Board shall sit with the Board at all public meetings, including regularly scheduled meetings, workshops and special Board meetings, and participate in discussions at such meetings at the discretion of the Board President. The student representative shall not be present at nor participate in Executive Session meetings of the Board, nor participate in any discussions pertaining to any matter which the Open Public Meetings Act permits the Board to discuss in Executive Session.~~

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~~The student representative shall be held to the same code of ethics as elected and appointed members of the Board. The student representative shall be expected to~~



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~~regularly attend public meetings of the Board. Absence from three (3) consecutive meetings by both the student representative and the alternate may result in the student representative being removed from their position, and a replacement appointed at the discretion of the Superintendent. The student representative will be expected to adhere to all bylaws, policies and regulations of the Board.~~

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~~It will be the responsibility of the student representative to periodically update the Board on school activities; to represent the viewpoint of the student body; suggest through appropriate channels additional Board agenda items; serve on Board committees at the discretion of the Committee Chairperson; and to perform such other duties as determined by the Board President in consultation with the Superintendent.~~

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