

0143.2 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education believes that 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, the Board authorizes the appointment of a non-voting student member to be seated with 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

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 one (1) member of the Board of Education; and
3. Have attended school in the district for at least two (2) years.

Term

The term of the student representative shall be for one (1) year.

Election

The student representative 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 candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall become the student representative alternate. The student representative shall not be required to serve as a student Council Officer. If there are insufficient candidates for student representative so that no candidate is elected as an alternate, an alternate may be appointed at the discretion of the superintendent.

Duties and Responsibilities

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.

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 regularly attend public meetings of the Board. Absence from three (3) consecutive meetings by both the student representative and ~~his or her~~the alternate may result in the student representative being removed from ~~his or her~~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.

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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