

Board Bylaws

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

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 high school students in district governance.

Student Board Member

The Student Board Member 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(f))

The Student Board Member shall be entitled to be reimbursed for mileage to the same extent as other members of the Board, but shall not receive monetary compensation for attendance at Board meetings. (Education Code 35012(d)(8))

A Student Board Member 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 no less than 500 regularly enrolled high school students or no less than 10 percent of the number of regularly enrolled high school students, 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)

Election of Student Board Member

The Student Board Member candidates shall be selected by a vote of students enrolled in the high school(s) in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Board pursuant to this Board Bylaw 9150. (Education Code 35012(d)(7))

Each comprehensive high school and alternative high school will hold local school site elections. Site elections will align with ASB or other site elections. Local high school sites will check student qualifications (grade level and GPA). Each comprehensive high school will select one Student Board Member candidate and one candidate will be selected from all alternative high schools. The selected candidates will complete an application and be interviewed by the Board.

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The Board will make the final selection of the Student Board Member for each school year.

Selection Timeline and Process

During the 2021-2022 school year, the Student Board Member selection timeline and process described below shall be expedited following Board adoption of Board Bylaw 9150.

During the 2022-2023 school year and in each subsequent school year, the following Student Board Member selection timeline and process shall be followed:

1. High School Site Elections will Occur - February/March
2. Student Board Member Candidates will be Recommended to the Board and Interviewed - March/April
3. The Student School Board Member will be Selected – May
4. The Student Board Member who is selected will attend all School Board meetings beginning in June
5. The Student Board Member’s Term is effective July 1 through and including June 30 of each school year.

The term of the Student Board Member shall be one year, commencing on July 1. (Education Code 35012)

Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Member

The Student Board Member shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed (executive) sessions. (Education Code 35012)

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. The Student Board Member 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 given to Board Members by the district between meetings, except for materials that pertain to closed session items, shall be distributed to Student Board Members. (Education Code 35012)

The Student Board Member shall be recognized at Board meetings as a full member of the Board, shall be seated with other members of the Board, and shall be allowed to participate in the questioning witnesses and the discussion of issues. (Education Code 35012)

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The Student Board Member shall be allowed to cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion. 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. The Student Board Member shall not be included in determining the vote required to carry any measure before the Board of the school district. No preferential vote shall be solicited on matters subject to closed session. (Education Code 35012)

The Student Board Member 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)

The Student Board Member shall be appointed to subcommittees of the Board in the same manner as other Board Members, be made aware of the time commitment required to participate in subcommittee meetings and work, and have the right to decline an appointment. The availability of all subcommittee members, including the availability of the Student Board Member, may be considered when scheduling subcommittee meetings. (Education Code 35012)

The Student Board Member will connect with the community and student groups, including, but not limited to all EGUSD High School ASB leadership programs, Student Equity Councils, and the GENup Elk Grove Chapter.

The Student Board Member shall be invited to attend functions of the Board, such as forums, meetings with students and parents/guardians, and other general assemblies. (Education Code 35012)

The Student Board Member shall not be considered members of a legislative body for purposes of the Brown Act. (Education Code 35012)

The Student Board Member shall not be counted in determining whether a quorum of the Board is in attendance.

Student Board Member Training

The Superintendent or designee may, at district expense, provide learning opportunities to the Student Board Member through trainings, workshops, and conferences, such as those offered by the California School Boards Association and other organizations, to enhance their knowledge, understanding, and performance of leadership skills and their Board responsibilities.

The incoming Student Board Member elect will attend June board meeting/s.

The Superintendent or designee may periodically provide information to Student Board Member

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candidates to give them an understanding of the position. Once elected or appointed, incoming the Student Board Member shall be provided an orientation designed to build knowledge of the district and an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of the position.

Alternate Student Board Member

If the Board determines that the Student Board Member's duties are not being fulfilled, the Board may appoint another student to serve as an alternate Student Board Member. If an alternate Student Board Member is appointed, the Board shall suspend the prior Student Board Member's rights and privileges related to service on the Board. (Education Code 35012)

Elimination of Position

Once established, the Student Board Member position shall continue to exist until the Board, by majority vote of all voting Board Members, approves a motion to eliminate the position. Such a motion shall be listed as a public agenda item for a Board meeting prior to the motion being voted upon. (Education Code 35012)

Student Representatives to the Board of Education

In addition to the Student Board Member, there shall be two student representatives from each comprehensive high school and each continuation high school in the district. They shall serve for one year commencing July 1 and terminating June 30. They shall be elected in the regular student body election of the schools they represent.

It is the duty of each student Representative to provide the Board of Education updates on activities, events and accomplishments at their respective high schools.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33000.5 Appointment of student member to State Board of Education

35012 Board members; number, election and terms; student members

35120 Course credit for student board members

35160 Authority of governing boards

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GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations Act

54950-54964 Ralph M. Brown Act

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Association of Student Councils: <http://www.casc.net>

California Association of Student Leaders: <http://www.caslboard.com>

Bylaw

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