

## **Fresno Unified Board Policy (BP) 1220.1 Student Advisory Board (SAB)**

The Governing Board recognizes that student advisory committees enable both students and educators to better understand the beliefs, attitudes and opinions held by school and school community members.

*(cf. 1220 – Citizen Advisory Committees)*

In order to enhance communication between the Governing Board and the student body and to engage students in the district's educational programs and operations, the Board encourages the involvement of high school students in district governance.

*(cf. 9150 – Student Board Members)*

The Board shall be provided with an annual update on the status of Student Advisory Board, its annual meeting schedule, and Board Member invitations for participation. The Office of the Campus Culture Manager is the responsible office for finalization of the Student Advisory Board, preparation of the annual meeting schedule, collection of meeting minutes and Board Reports, and the central location for information in this regard.

### **Selection of Student Advisory Board Members**

Student Advisory Board members shall represent a cross section of students from throughout the district as selected by each high school site. With Board approval, the Superintendent or designee may appoint committee members.

Student Advisory Board shall elect Student Board Members annually at the second meeting of the Student Advisory Board. (Education Code 35012)

*(cf. 9150 – Student Board Members)*

A democratic process of nomination and popular vote shall be utilized to elect the Student Board Members from the Advisory Board.

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

The term of a student Board member shall be one year, commencing the first Student Advisory Board meeting in September. (Education Code 35012)

The Student Advisory Board shall review Board Meeting Agendas and be provided an opportunity for questions and answers from Board Members and staff present at the meeting, and for items to be pulled by elected Student Board Members at subsequent Board Meetings.

Each school site will have the opportunity to host at least one Student Advisory Board meeting annually. School Board Members will be invited to attend all Student Advisory Board meetings, however, due to the Brown Act, the Board President will manage the hierarchy of those who may attend (maximum 3).

The Student Advisory Board will have access to staff and Board Members to provide advisory input on matters directly related to student learning and experience. Student Advisory Board members represent not only themselves and their schools, they also reflect the ideas and the experiences gained from middle and elementary school. The Board recognizes the importance of authentic student voice and students as key stakeholders in their education.

Inclusion of the Student Advisory Board at the onset of decision-making processes maximizes Board and Constituent communication, adds value and increases student agency, demonstrates the importance of and District commitment to student voice, and builds student leadership capacity. Where appropriate, the Student Advisory to student voice, and builds student leadership capacity. Where appropriate, the Student Advisory Board shall have advance notice of key decisions affecting student learning, student environment, and the student experience.

A student Board member are not vicariously liable for injuries caused by the act or omission of the district, nor shall not be liable for any acts of the Board. (Education Code 35012; Government Code 820.9)

*(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)*

### **Student Board Member Development**

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee may, at district expense, provide learning opportunities to Student Advisory Board members, through trainings, workshops, and conferences, to enhance their knowledge, understanding, and performance of their Board responsibilities.

The Superintendent or designee may periodically provide an orientation for Student Advisory Board members to give them an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of committee processes and service.

*(cf. 9150 – Student Board Members)*

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#### Legal Reference:

##### EDUCATION CODE

33000.5 Appointment of student members to State Board of Education

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

##### GOVERNMENT CODE

820.9 Liability of Public Entities and Public Employees; School Board members

3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations Act

54950-54964 Ralph M. Brown Act

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