

## **Student Board Members**

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. The inclusion of one or more student representatives on the Board shall be ordered upon receipt of a student petition in accordance with Education Code 35012 or may be ordered at any time at the discretion of the Board.

### **Selection of Student Board Member**

Student Board members shall be elected by the Student Advisory Board. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

### **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)

A student Board member shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed (executive) sessions. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

A student Board member shall be recognized at Board meetings as a full member and shall be seated with other members of the Board. In addition, a student Board member shall receive all materials presented to other Board members except those related to closed sessions, and he/she may participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

A student Board member may cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion. Preferential votes shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9324 - Minutes and Recordings)

A student Board member shall not be liable for any acts of the Board. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)

A 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 compensation for attendance at Board meetings. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)

(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits)

#### Student Board Member Development

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall, at district expense, provide learning opportunities to student 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 Board member candidates to give them an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of Board service.

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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

3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations 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>

National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>

#### Bylaw FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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