



**Robbinsville Board of Education**

**POLICY**

Section: BYLAWS

Policy: Student Representatives to

The Board of Education

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0143.2 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board recognizes that students are the primary reason for the existence of the school district. It considers the experience gained by students in the district to be a valued source for improving the operation of the school district. The Board is also desirous of furthering the experience of pupils in the governance process and providing opportunities for pupils to contribute to the future direction of the school district. To this end, the Board authorizes the appointment of one student representative and one alternate to the Board.

Qualifications

Individuals elected as Student Government Representatives to the Board must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a member of the student body in grades nine to twelve;
2. Maintain a GPA of 3.0;
3. Acquire recommendations from at least two teachers or staff members; and
4. Have attended school in the district for at least three years.

Term

Student representatives to the Board shall serve a term of one year and may be re-elected. The term shall begin with the organizational meeting of the Board and extend to the meeting prior to the next organizational meeting.

Student representatives shall attend all public meetings of the Board and shall be entitled to speak at the discretion of the Board President on all matters before the Board except as may be prohibited by New Jersey Statute or Code. Student representatives shall not be entitled to vote. All confidential information obtained by virtue of membership shall be held as such by student representatives. Student representatives shall be held to the same code of ethics as elected and appointed members of the Board.

## Duties and Responsibilities

Student representatives shall:

1. Attend all public Board meetings.
2. Be excluded from executive sessions of the Board.
3. Represent the views of the student body.
4. Suggest through appropriate channels Board agenda items.
5. Participate in Board discussions and deliberations at the discretion of the Board President.
6. Serve on Board committees and attend committee meetings at the discretion of the Committee Chairperson.
7. Shall be excluded from sensitive and confidential discussions and communications (e.g. matters involving personnel, grievances, negotiations, litigation, real property purchase and other sensitive matters).
8. Receive all Board public agendas.
9. May attend the Board orientation sponsored by the New Jersey School Boards Association.
10. Perform such duties as determined by the Board President in consultation with the Superintendent.

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 non-voting pupil representative(s) for the mutual benefit of the Board, student body, and the school district.

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