

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

The Governing Board believes it is important to seek out and consider students' ideas, viewpoints, and reactions to the district's educational program. 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.

The term of student Board members shall be one school year, commencing with the student's appointment by the Board. An application and interview process will be conducted in the spring of the school year prior to appointment. A Student Board Member shall be recognized at Board meetings as a full member and shall be seated with other members of the Board.

Student Board Members shall be recognized at Board meetings as full members of the Board, and shall be allowed to participate in the discussion of issues, except items related to closed session, discipline, personnel, and employer-employee relations. The Student Board Member is also encouraged to seek and share the views of the students they represent on issues concerning the educational program. (Education Code 35012)

The Student Board Member may cast a preferential vote on items of general student interest. Superintendent's Office staff will be available to answer questions and provide further information to the student on these items. Preferential votes shall be cast prior to the official Board vote and shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. Preferential votes shall be recorded in the Board meeting minutes. A Student Board Member shall not be liable for any acts of the Board. (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 voting Board members. Student Board member(s) 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. (Education Code 35012)

*(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)*

**Student Board Member Guidelines**

Duties of Student Board Member:

1. Provide continuing input for board deliberations.
2. Strengthen communications between the Board and district students.

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3. Represent all students and facilitate the discussion of all sides of issues. This duty does not preclude the Student Board Member from stating his/her individual opinion.

Selection and Term:

1. A committee comprised of the Superintendent or designee, the current Student Board Member, and two members of the Board shall select the Student Board Member based on the process established in the following procedures.
2. The term of office shall begin with the first Board meeting of the academic year (August) and conclude with the last Board meeting of the academic year (June).
3. A student who is a Poway Unified High School junior in good standing may apply.
4. The term of office shall be in the senior year of the student selected.
5. If the position of Student Board Member becomes vacant, another Student Board Member shall be elected following the steps listed above.