

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

The purpose of the School District of Phillips is to serve the educational needs of the students who attend its schools. In order to better facilitate communication between the Board and the District's students, to increase awareness of the democratic process within the young people, and to increase the opportunities for participation in the decision-making process by young people, one 12th grade student shall be selected to serve as a representative to the Board. One 12th grade alternate shall also be selected in the event the primary representative is not able to attend a particular meeting or is unable to fulfill his/her representative responsibilities.

In May of each year, the high school principal, in conjunction with the faculty, shall nominate four 11th grade students to be placed on a ballot for the student body to select a representative from.* The criteria by which the nominations shall be based upon include leadership, communication skills, academic performance, and co-curricular participation. The student with the most votes will be the primary representative. The student with the second highest number of votes shall be the alternate.

* consideration will be given to current Student Council officers.

The student representative shall:

1. serve a term of one year from June 1 to May 30.
2. sit with other members of the Board during regular sessions.
2. be excluded from executive sessions of the Board.
3. be free to enter into discussions and ask or answer questions in the same manner as elected Board members.
4. represent all students in the District and communicate with student councils at all buildings and levels – not just the high school.
5. not make motions or vote on any motion made by an elected Board member.
6. be allowed to request item be placed on the Board agenda by contacting the superintendent at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Orientation for newly selected student representatives shall be provided by the superintendent and high school principal. Information related to topics to be considered by the Board (other than topics scheduled for executive sessions) shall be forwarded to the student representatives by the superintendent on a regular and continuous basis.

The student representative may be voted out of the position by majority vote of the Board if it is felt he/she is not fulfilling his/her responsibilities. If the primary representative is unable to fulfill his/her responsibilities, the alternate shall then be appointed to serve the remainder of the term as the primary student representative.

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