

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES

TITLE: STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

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004.1. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of having two (2) nonvoting student representatives on the Board is to establish a communication link between the Board and student body. The position will serve in presenting the students' viewpoints to the Board. It will also provide a valuable experience into the democratic process.

Section 2. Qualifications

The student must have attended Ferndale Area School District for the period of one (1) year prior to the appointment to the position of student representative to the Board.

The student must be able to maintain a "C" average and be involved in school activities.

The student must not have received any suspension or expulsion from the Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School or any other junior/senior high school where the student attended.

Section 3. Selection Process

One (1) senior and one (1) junior will be eligible to serve as student representatives.

Selection shall occur annually in the spring of the candidate's junior/sophomore year.

Senior class members who meet the **qualifications of this policy** and **wish** to serve as a student representative shall submit an application. Parent/**Guardian** permission must be submitted with the application.

A Selection Committee comprised of the Superintendent, Board President, building principal, building assistant principal, and two (2) academic teachers will review the applications and conduct interviews of the candidates. The Committee will select two (2) representatives by consensus. If a consensus cannot be attained, then the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Committee shall control.

Should a vacancy occur that is not covered by this **policy**, the Selection Committee shall recommend a student representative to satisfy the remaining term.

Section 4. Responsibilities

Student representatives to the Board will serve a term of one (1) year, beginning in September and terminating in June.

Student representatives shall represent the student body as they present their viewpoints regarding pertinent issues to the Board.

Student representatives shall make a monthly report to the Board and be listed on the agenda. Monthly reports shall be submitted to the Superintendent's office one (1) week prior to the Board meeting.

Student representatives shall be nonvoting members of the Board.

Student representatives shall be willing and able to attend all public and work sessions, except sessions concerning personnel, litigation, real estate, contract negotiations, or student discipline matters.

Student representatives shall act only when the Board is in session, unless authorized by the Board to perform a specific assignment.

Student representatives shall receive the public agenda that is sent to all Board members and other related materials, as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent. Student representatives shall not receive any information dealing with personnel, litigation, real estate, contract negotiations, or student discipline matters.

Student representatives will report pertinent information to the student body, in a manner determined by the building principal, and maintain an informational bulletin board.

Student representatives may attend the annual PSBA convention for student delegates with prior Board approval.

Student representatives shall be courteous and appropriately dressed. Remarks should be kept brief and to the point. Questions should be clear and concise.

Student representatives must adhere to the qualifications listed in this policy to remain a student representative.

Section 5. Public Presentations

Topics or activities presented **by student representatives** at a Board meeting should be first discussed with the building principal prior to being included on the Board agenda. The building principal will notify the Superintendent of any item to be presented to ensure operational efficiency and effectiveness.

Section 6. Academic Credit

Students who participate as a student representative to the Board for one (1) full term may receive .5 credits for independent study, upon recommendation of the **building** principal. To be eligible for credit the student, as a minimum, must attend meetings as well as maintain a portfolio of work.