



## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### Student Representatives on the Board of Education

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of maintaining open communication with the student body. In an effort to improve this communication, the Board supports seating two students from the high school to serve in a nonvoting capacity on the Board of Education. These student representatives on the Board of Education will give students a more effective voice in and at the decision-making level of the school system.

Time spent on the Board will count toward service for the National Honor Society. Non Honor Society students will benefit by having the ability to include this responsibility on their permanent record.

The following procedures will be observed for the seating of the student representatives:

1. Student representatives will come from the junior and senior class at the high school. One student should be a member of the junior class and one student should be a member of the senior class.
2. Any junior or senior, through completion of an application and letter of intent and the fulfillment of academic requirements, will be considered eligible. The high school principal or his/her designee will choose the representatives.
3. After the students have been selected, they will be given an orientation session by the high school principal or his/her designee.
4. Student representatives may be removed from their position as nonvoting members of the Board of Education by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Board of Education.
5. At least one of the two representatives will be seated at the Board table during each Board of Education meeting. If it is not possible for a student representative to be present at the Board of Education meeting, the representative is responsible for advising the principal and the superintendent's office in advance of the meeting of his/her absence. Student opinion will be solicited to give an added dimension to the Board's decision-making process. The student representatives will not attend executive sessions of the Board of Education nor will they have access to associated backup material.
6. The Board of Education reserves the right to dismiss a student due to poor attendance and call for the selection of a new member.
7. The student representative will report to the student organization in each of the Montville Schools on the deliberations of the Board of Education.
8. The student representatives should be available for attendance at Board of Education meetings with the start of the school year.

9. The term of office for the two representatives shall be for one school year; however, it is expected that the junior representative serve for two school years if re-appointed.
10. A student representative shall:
  - a. Be able to attend and sit in on all regular meetings of the Board of Education.
  - b. During said meetings, be able to speak on any issue on the agenda or motion before the Board unless deemed inappropriate by the Board.
  - c. Be able to recommend resolutions to the Chairperson prior to a meeting for the Board's consideration.
  - d. Receive copies of all regular meeting agendas, minutes and other pertinent publications, excluding executive session minutes and associated materials, when made available to the Board members.
  - e. Be expected to attend all the Board of Education meetings and be accountable to the student body via the student organizations.
11. A student representative shall not:
  - a. Be able to cast an official vote on any motion or resolution.
  - b. Be allowed to attend executive sessions, negotiation sessions or personnel portions of the regular meetings of the Board of Education.
12. Only those privileges and powers enumerated previously shall be regarded specifically as such; any and all other powers and privileges that might be deemed appropriate for the student representatives shall be decided upon by the Board of Education.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

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