
STUDENT MEMBERS ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education believes it is important to seek out and consider students' ideas, viewpoints, and reactions to the educational program. In order to provide student input and involvement, the Board shall include a student Board member from each High School, selected in accordance with RSA 194:23-f, RSA 189:1-c, and procedures approved by the Board.

1. One student Board member will be selected from each High School, to represent all High School students.
2. The student Board member(s) will serve for one calendar year, commencing at the organizational meeting of the Board in January.
3. Student members may choose to be assigned to one or more board standing committees.
4. Any student who will graduate during the term's duration is not eligible to be a candidate and is not eligible to vote for a student representative. The student government of the High School shall establish a procedure for filling any vacancy that may occur in this position. The student Board member shall serve without pay.
5. The student Board members shall be chosen by a simple majority vote of the High School student body. The student government of the High School shall establish procedures for the nomination and election of candidates. The student government shall also establish procedures for any public High School student in the School District to petition the student Board members to present proposals and opinions to the Board of Education.
6. The student Board member shall have all the rights of a regular Board member regarding Board business except the right to vote. Student members may opt to cast a "non-binding" vote on motions before the board. However, the student Board members shall be excluded from discussions and procedures of the Board involving subjects that are confidential under RSA 91-A and other matters and materials deemed to be confidential. The student Board of Education members are not liable for actions of the Board as a whole.
7. The duties of the student Board member shall include:
 - Attending all Board of Education meetings.
 - Representing all public High School students within the District.
 - Presenting to the Board specific proposals and opinions from students; and when appropriate, placing proposals on the Board agenda in accordance with the Board procedures.
 - Serving as a liaison between students and the principals, other faculty, student government advisors, and appropriate outside agencies.
 - Keeping public High School students informed of the business of the Board of Education.

Legal Reference:

RSA 189:1-c, School Board Student Member

RSA 194:23-f, High School Student as a Board Member

Legal References Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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