STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

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1480.1 General

The Board authorizes two student representatives to the Board in a non-voting capacity. These representatives are to work constructively with the members of the Board and Superintendent in the development of policy statements which specify what the schools should try to accomplish, and participate in policy evaluation, to determine how efficiently they are executed.

1480.2 Qualifications

In order to be considered for a student representative, the following qualifications must be met

- 1480.2a A student in the Fairfield Area School District, who is at least fifteen years of age, prior to July 1st of the school term for which appointed.
- 1480.2b A successful student willing and capable of assuming responsibility.
- 1480.2c Exhibit personal integrity, intelligence, and appreciation of the values of good education.
- 1480.2d Capable of nonpartisanship in dealing with school matters, and not partisan to any principle, group interest, or personal ambition.
- 1480.2e Willing to attend all meetings, discuss items presented on the agenda, and suggest other items for consideration.

1480.3 Selection process

- 1480.3a Student representatives will be elected through Student Council following the presentation of a petition with 35 student signatures, 5 teacher signatures and the signature of the high school principal.
- 1480.3b One representative will be elected from the junior class annually for a two-year term.

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1480.4 Performance responsibilities

- There is no more important work than serving as a member of a functioning board of directors and there is no work which requires greater wisdom, more patience, more common sense, and greater devotion to a cause. Student board members, therefore, should be among the most competent, unselfish, and devoted members of the student school community. Student board representatives shall meet the following responsibilities during their term.
- 1480.4b Assume the role of student representative for all people within the community and not a particular segment.
- 1480.4c Become thoroughly knowledgeable about the district, policies of operation, and function of the Board.
- 1480.4d Be cognizant of the role of the Board being a policy making, rather than an administrative body.
- 1480.4e Act for the Board only when authorized by the Board to perform specific tasks.
- 1480.4f Participate in discussions with individuals or groups on a general basis and suggest that requests for action should be referred to the appropriate administrator.
- 1480.4g Refer complaints to proper school authorities and abstain from individual counsel and action.
- 1480.4h Refer constructive criticism to appropriate authorities.
- 1480.4i Be cognizant of the fact that democracy is effective only through the support of all Board members in the implementing of the policy that has been approved by majority action taken at a public meeting.

1480.5 Term of office

Appointments shall be for two years, September – May. The election of a junior class representative each year will result in two students, a junior and senior, serving as student representatives to the board.