

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Governing Board believes that engaging the student body and seeking its input and feedback regarding the district's educational programs and activities are vital to achieving the district's mission of educating district students. To enhance communication between the Board and the student body and to encourage student involvement in district affairs, the Board shall include one nonvoting student representative, who shall be chosen by the students in accordance with procedures established by the Board.

1. The term of the student Board member shall be one calendar year, commencing on July 1 of each year. The Student Board member shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed sessions. (Education Code 35012)
2. The student Board member shall be seated with other Board members and be recognized at Board meetings as a full member. The student Board member may participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues and shall receive all materials presented to Board members except those related to closed sessions. (Education Code 35012)
3. The student Board member shall be entitled to be reimbursed for mileage to the same extent as other members of the Board but shall not receive compensation for attendance at Board meetings. (Education Code 35012)

#### Duties of a Student Board Member

The duties of the student Board member include the following:

1. To provide continuing input for Board deliberations.
2. To strengthen communications between the Board and district students.
3. To represent all students and facilitate the discussion of all sides of issues. This duty does not preclude the student Board member from stating his/her individual opinion.

#### Selection and Term

The student Board member shall be elected by the students of the district based on criteria developed by the Oxnard District Council (ODC):

1. The student Board member shall be elected by a majority vote.
2. The term of office shall be July 1 - June 30.
3. If the position of student Board member becomes vacant, another student Board member shall be elected following the steps and criteria of ODC.

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Student Board Member Development

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall, at district expense, provide learning opportunities to student Board members, through trainings, workshops, and conferences, to enhance their knowledge, understanding, and performance of their Board responsibilities.

The Superintendent or designee may periodically provide an orientation for student Board member candidates to give them an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of Board service.

Legal Reference

EDUCATION CODE

33000.5 Appointment of student members to State Board of Education

35012 Board members; number, election and terms; pupil members

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 Meeting and Negotiating in Public Educational Employment

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