

STUDENTS**High School Student Representation on the School Board**

The board of education encourages participation by a representative of the high school student body. This student shall be seated with the board as a non-voting representative and may participate in the deliberation of board issues.

This representative shall not participate in executive sessions.

The student representative may not be seated during disciplinary hearings.

Policy

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Okemos High School students are provided the opportunity for direct communication with the board of education via representation on the school board. This interaction benefits: a) the school board through input and reaction from the student body viewpoint; and b) the student body with direct information from the board and the experience of serving as a member of the board.

Student representatives to school board are appointed by a committee of the elected student government members, with consultant with the student government faculty advisor.

A. Student Representative Selection Process

1. Each spring, an after-school meeting is held for students running for offices, at which time responsibilities and the time commitments are explained, including those related to the position of student representative to the Okemos Board of Education.
2. To be eligible to serve as student representative or alternate, students must be members of the junior or senior class during the year they serve.
3. In the spring, a team of two students to serve as a regular representative and an alternate are selected by a committee of the elected student government members, with consultant with the student government faculty advisor.

B. Student Representative Responsibilities to Student Body

1. The selected representative or alternate must commit to be present at school board meetings.
2. The student representative and alternate will be expected to participate fully in all student government activities and to assume their share of government responsibilities.
3. A report of the school board meetings must be submitted to the student government at its weekly meetings.
4. The students must show a high standard of responsibility, decorum and dress when attending the school board meetings.

C. Student Representative Responsibilities as Part of the Board

1. The student representative or alternate will attend each school board meeting beginning when school resumes in the fall.
2. The student representative will serve as a sounding board for ideas and will be a participant in the discussion and consideration of issues before the elected board. As a representative to the board, the student bears no authority except as a participant in board group discussions.
3. The student representative shall not vote, be counted as part of the quorum, nor participate in executive sessions of the board.
4. The student representative will be advised of the general duties of board members through an orientation meeting with the superintendent of schools prior to her or his first board meeting.
5. The student representative will be notified of all board meetings and forwarded the packet of materials provided board members prior to meetings.
6. The student recognizes that the board of education is the policy-making and budget-determining body of the district and that the regular procedures for student or student government requests at the high school should follow regular high-school channels.