

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Student Representative to the Board of Education

The board of education invites a representative of the student body and an alternate to that representative, who will speak in the absence of the representative to attend regular worksession meetings of the board and to contribute to discussions as nonvoting representatives. In extending this invitation, it is the desire of the board to provide student representatives with a unique experience in functioning democracy, to foster a sense of responsibility to the system, to help students understand the process of decision-making in public bodies, and to provide a direct liaison between the board of education and the student body.

The student representative to the board of education:

- Must be at least a junior in the high school at the time of his/her election and
- Must be elected at the time of the annual student council election.

The alternate must be at least a sophomore at the time of election and shall be elected by the student council at its organization meeting. At any time that a vacancy exists for either the regular representative or alternate, the student council shall elect a new member or alternate. The student representative and the alternate will be notified in advance of each regular board meeting, will receive the agenda and necessary back-up materials that would ordinarily be available to the public.

Neither the student representative nor the alternate will participate in closed sessions of the board.

Time shall be allotted at each regular worksession board meeting for presentation of student body issues and/or problems.

Legal Reference: N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties

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