Policy

**STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING**

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The board recognizes the student body shares in the responsibility of developing a climate that is conducive to learning and functions as a significant part of the district’s educational community. Through participation in the decision-making process, students can be an important resource for the improvement of their schools, the district’s educational program, and the community as a whole.

Students are welcomed at board meetings and are granted the same privileges of addressing the board as the general public. As appropriate, the board will take into consideration student opinions in developing policies that directly affect student programs, activities, privileges, and other areas of student life.

Students, consistent with their level of maturity, are encouraged to participate in class or school government organizations, such as student councils, so that they may practice self-government and may have a channel for the expression of their ideas and opinions. Principals are encouraged to develop procedures for providing students with the opportunity to meaningfully participate in such organizations and to identify additional opportunities to validate the experience, perspectives, and knowledge of all students through sustainable, powerful, and purposeful school-oriented leadership roles.

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