

The RSU #78 Board believes it is important to seek out and consider students' ideas, viewpoints and reactions to the educational program in the school. In order to provide student input and involvement, the board shall include a student representative selected in accordance with procedures approved by the board.

**Participation**

The student board member(s) shall be seated with regular members and be recognized at meetings as an advisory non-voting member. He/she or they shall review all materials presented except those related to executive session.

**Term** The term shall be one calendar year, commencing after the student body election. Should a vacancy occur prior to the conclusion of the term, the Superintendent may appoint another student. A board member will serve as a mentor to the student member assisting him/her with board protocol, briefing them on issues, and helping them to present Student Council issues.

A. The duties of the student member(s) include the following:

1. To strengthen communication between the board and students.
2. To facilitate the discussion of all sides of issues related to students.
3. To learn and be involved in public committees as an important part of our democratic society.

B. The student member(s) shall be elected by the students based on the following criteria:

1. The member(s) shall be full-time high school enrolled students and be at least a sophomore.
2. Through the Student Council, the student body shall elect one or more representative and an alternate.
3. The student member(s), upon election, become member(s) of the Student Council.
4. The student member(s) shall maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA, behavior and citizenship of the highest quality, and regularly attend meetings.

C. Removal from Office - The member(s) may be removed from office by a majority vote of the board for any infraction under B.

D. Elective Credit - The student(s) may earn one (1) elective credit (1/2 credit each semester) based on an independent study contract developed by the high school social studies teacher and board mentor. Awarded credit will be based on written self-reflection, regular reports to the Student Council, and attendance.

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