

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719
PRIOR LAKE - SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS

202.1 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON SCHOOL BOARD

I. PURPOSE

The school board values the voices of students and wishes to both encourage student involvement and promote a communications link between the school board and the students of the district by authorizing a student representative to serve on the school board as a non-voting member. The school board believes that the views, insights, and suggestions of a student representative on the school board can be an advantage to the school board in its decision-making role regarding educational policies and programs. The purpose of this policy is to define the selection, rights, and responsibilities of the student representative on the school board.

II. DEFINITION

III. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Selection and Term

1. The student council at Prior Lake High School shall select a student representative to serve on the board. The representative shall be a member of the student council during the year in which he/she is representative on the school board.
2. An alternate student representative shall also be selected by the student council to participate in school board meetings for occasional, limited absences of the student representative on the school board.
3. The student representative shall serve a one-year term.

Rights and Responsibilities

1. The student representative on the school board will attend all regular school board meetings while school is in session. If the expectation of regular attendance is not met, the student council, in consultation with the superintendent and the student council advisor, will select another student representative to assume all duties of the student representative on the school board.
2. The student representative will not be permitted to attend closed meetings.
3. The student representative, in consultation with the superintendent, may attend school board workshops and special meetings.
4. The student representative will have a designated spot to sit next to the superintendent at the school board table for regular meetings.

5. The student representative will be bound by all rules, policies, and regulations that bind the school board.
6. The student representative will present a student council report at each meeting and may offer comments to the school board regarding items on the agenda that affect students. The student council representative shall give an annual report to the board on the activities of the student council.
7. The student representative will not have the right to make or second motions nor vote on business matters before the board.
8. The student representative will report to the student council regarding matters discussed at school board meetings that pertain to the student body at the next meeting of the student council.
9. The student representative will not be furnished board materials such as, but not limited to:
 - a. Sensitive personnel matters,
 - b. Legal action strategy,
 - c. Negotiations strategy,
 - d. Individual student discipline, or
 - e. Other confidential matters.
10. The student representative shall receive all other materials distributed to the school board in the board packets or at the school board meeting. All information received must be handled in an appropriate manner as a student representative on the school board.
11. The student representative shall dress and act appropriately while serving on the school board in a manner consistent with other school board members and the school board Code of Ethics.
12. The student representative on the school board shall work to represent opinions of the student body and not solely the representative's own opinions.
13. The student representative on the school board shall consult with the superintendent of schools in carrying out the responsibilities associated with serving as student representative on the school board.

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