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Purpose

The Board of School Directors recognizes that the students attending the Wilson School District are the most important concern of the school district. The Board establishes the position of Student Representative to the School Board to create a communication link between itself and the student body.

Student representation to the Board is intended to provide a better understanding of the needs and concerns of students with the ultimate goal of improving the education program. The student representative will share information and keep the Board apprised of the affairs, functions, activities and concerns of the student body.

Additionally, this participation will provide a practical governmental experience for those students selected.

Delegation of Responsibility

1. The Student Representative shall serve as a representative of the student body, both seeking and reflecting fellow student's concerns and positions on school matters.
2. The Student Representative shall make a monthly report to the Board and be listed on the School Board meeting agenda.
3. The Student Representative shall have their opinions heard and considered during public discussions of agenda items as well as in other meetings to which s/he has been invited by the Board President and/or committee chair.
4. The Student Representative shall be provided, in advance of all public Board meetings, copies of agendas and non-confidential materials.
5. The Student Representative shall be aware of the great responsibility of his/her position in representing the total student community and not any individual group.
6. The Student Representative shall be aware that the Board is a policy making body rather than an administrative body.

7. The Student Representative shall act only when the Board is in session unless authorized by the Board to perform a specific assignment.
8. The Student Representative shall submit agenda items through appropriate channels to allow for inclusion in Board packets.
9. The Student Representative shall recognize that effective democratic procedure exists when all Board members support the implementation of policy that has been approved by majority action at an open public meeting.
10. The Student Representative shall provide constructive comments and focus on facts, not opinions.
11. The Student Representative shall meet with student government representatives and other interested student groups to discuss policies, actions and decisions that affect students.
12. The Student Representative shall be willing and able to attend all meetings, except sessions concerning specific personnel matters, including, but not limited to employee performance, student discipline hearings, negotiations and grievances, as well as consideration of the sale or transfer of property and/or any other matter permitted to be discussed by the Board of School Directors in closed Executive Session under the Public Agency Open Meeting Law of 1974.
13. The Student Representative shall refer requests for action through proper administrative channels.
14. The Student Representative shall be a non-voting participant of the Board of School Directors.
15. The Student Representative shall report any absences from the general meeting to the President of the Board.
16. The Student Representative shall sit at the Board table along with other Board members.

Eligibility

1. There shall be one (1) student representative to the Board of School Directors and one (1) alternate, both elected from the junior class to serve the following senior year.
2. The student must meet the following criteria in order to qualify for the position:
 - a. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
 - b. Exhibit characteristics of good citizenship, leadership, with no history of school suspension (or serious disciplinary actions).
 - c. Record of good attendance and punctuality.
 - d. Willingness and commitment to attend all assigned meetings.
3. ~~Junior students who desire to serve as a Student School Board Representative during their senior year shall secure an election packet containing the following:~~
 - a. ~~Eligibility requirement and job description.~~
 - b. ~~Petition.~~
 - c. ~~Essay form.~~
 - d. ~~Commitment form.~~

3. Students in Student Council who desire to serve as a student School Board representative during their Junior year shall secure a nomination from Student Council. If there is more than one student interested in the position, the Student Council shall elect the representative by ballot. The student receiving the highest number of votes will be elected as student School Board representative. Elected representatives will remain Student Council members for the duration of their term as a student School Board representative.

1. ~~The petition requires thirty (30) student signatures and two (2) teachers/administrative signatures.~~
2. ~~A written essay of 250 words or more is required (included in packet) describing the candidate's interest and goals.~~

Term of Office

1. The Student Representative will serve a one (1) year term beginning July 1 and terminating June 30 of their senior year.
2. Selection will be held in May of each school year.

Selection Process

1. ~~The Student Representative candidate will submit a completed packet to the Selection Committee.~~
2. ~~The Selection Committee shall be appointed by the Board of School Directors, and be comprised of members of the Board, faculty, administration and the current Student Board Representative. The committee will be comprised of six (6) or seven (7) members.~~
3. ~~The Selection Committee will choose the Student Representative and alternate from those candidates that have met all the eligibility requirements.~~

Dismissal

The failure or inability of the Student Representative to fulfill the responsibilities of the office or if the Student Representative discredits the integrity of the Wilson School District or its School Board, would be considered cause for removal from office.

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Vacancy

If removal or replacement is necessary, the Student Representative alternate would serve as replacement and serve the remaining unexpired term.

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