

POLICY TITLE: Student Representative to the Board of Education		
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POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY: School System Governance		

1. Creation of Student Representative Position

A student representative, selected by the Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils, shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board of Education. The term of office will be for one year.

2. Duties and Responsibilities of Student Representative

- a) Provide for adequate and effective communication to the Board as to student reactions to items under study and upon which the Board intends to take action.
- b) Facilitate communication between the student bodies and student councils and the Board, and provide an effective system through which the students of the Harford County Public Schools can be represented.
- c) Increase communication between the student bodies of the various public schools.
- d) Solicit opinions and thoughts which will be helpful in representing the students of the Harford County Public Schools.
- e) The representative will serve in an advisory capacity as the liaison between the student constituents and the Board.
- f) The representative will be required to attend public sessions of the Board and sit with the Board, receiving agendas and all other pertinent materials.
- g) The representative will have the right to request that items be placed on the agenda.
- h) The representative must provide his/her own transportation to Board meetings and other schools as necessary.
- i) The representative will study Board materials and be prepared to discuss items of student interest and concern as requested by the Board.

- j) The representative will be required to cast a preferential vote or will abstain.
 - k) The student representative will be compensated for expenses by approved voucher.
3. Qualifications
- a) The student representative will be a senior, except in cases of unexpired terms. The student representative shall have been elected when a junior during the year prior to the term of office.
 - b) Student representative-elect nominees will be by popular vote elected at their individual high schools and shall be eligible juniors in good standing.
 - c) Each high school will submit a nominee's name to the student councils of the Harford County Public Schools by October 31 of the year prior to the school year during which the student representative is to serve.
 - d) The members of the student councils of public schools shall determine from the group of nominees of the same year who the student representative-elect will be prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Board in December.
 - e) The student representative and the student representative-elect must reside in Harford County and must attend a public high school therein.
 - f) The student representative and the student representative-elect must meet the Eligibility Requirements for Participation in Extra-curricular Activities in order to serve.
 - g) The student representative may not serve concurrently in any elected executive board or student government position.
 - h) The representative must have parental permission to serve.
4. Term
- a) The student representative will serve a one-year term from July 1 to June 30.
 - b) Unexpired terms will be filled first by the student representative-elect and thereafter will be filled from selections made by the Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils from the list of nominees.
 - c) The student representative will serve at the pleasure of the Board of Education of Harford County.

5. Limitations
 - a) Unless invited to attend by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board (7 members), the student representative will not attend an executive session that relates to matters involving personnel, or collective bargaining.
 - b) The student representative shall not be permitted to attend a hearing conducted pursuant to Section 7-305 of the Education Article; a hearing conducted pursuant to Section 6-202 of the Education Article or a hearing conducted pursuant to Section 4-205 (c) of the Education Article and which involves the dismissal, suspension or other disciplinary action relating to a noncertificated employee. The student representative shall be permitted, provided that permission is granted by the affirmative vote of the majority of the majority Board (7 members), to participate in and cast a preferential vote in any hearing brought pursuant to Section 4-205(c) of the Education Article except that which is described above.
6. Duties and Requirements of the Representative-Elect
 - a) The representative-elect will serve as an assistant to the representative and will substitute for the representative under conditions of absence.
 - b) The representative-elect must have parental permission to serve.
7. Procedures for Communicating Ideas, Concerns, and Problems
 - a) Board of Education of Harford County agendas and minutes will be distributed to the Student Government Association presidents of each public high school and the Student Representative to the Board.
 - b) Student government concerns will be processed through the student body presidents at each public high school to the student representative.
 - c) Ideas, concerns, and problems of students at the public schools may be brought to the attention of the representative through their respective Student Government Association presidents.
 - d) The student representative will give consideration to these ideas, concerns, and problems and bring them to the attention of the Board.
 - e) The student representative will be responsible for relaying information from the Board to the students.

8. Scholastic Requirements for High School Credit for Student Representative's Service
 - a) The student representative may elect to have one school period daily for Board activities. Accordingly, the student representative will be evaluated by his/her principal or designee in reference to:
 1. school attendance; and
 2. Board meeting attendance and requirements; and
 3. school work and citizenship.
 - b) Quarterly grades of satisfactory or unsatisfactory shall be determined by the principal.
 - c) A final grade of satisfactory shall be necessary for a credit to be earned.

Board Approval Acknowledged By:

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Board of Education of Harford County

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