

**Board Bylaw 9150: Student Board Members**

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In order to enhance communication and collaboration between the County Board and the student body and to teach students the importance of civic involvement, the County Board supports the participation of high school students in County Office of Education (COE) governance.

Student Board members may, at the County Board's discretion, receive elective course credit for service as a student Board member based on the number of equivalent daily instructional minutes for the student Board member's services provided. (Education Code 1000, 35120)

Student Board member(s) shall be entitled to be reimbursed for mileage to the same extent as other members of the County Board, but shall not receive monetary compensation for attendance at Board meetings. (Education Code 1000)

A student Board member shall not be liable for any acts of the County Board. (Education Code 1000)

**Choosing or Selecting Student Board Members**

Student Board members shall be chosen from students enrolled in the high school(s) within the county in accordance with procedures prescribed by the County Board.

The County Board may select a student who is enrolled in high school under the jurisdiction of a school district within the county to serve as a student Board member. (Education Code 1000)

The term of student Board member(s) shall be one year, commencing on July 1. However, the County Board may adjust the term of a student Board member if a vacancy occurs or in order to provide more students an opportunity to serve on the County Board. (education Code 1000)

**Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Members**

Student Board members shall not be considered members of a legislative body for purposes of the Brown Act. (Education Code 1000)

A student Board member shall not be counted in determining the vote required to carry any measure before the County Board or whether a quorum is in attendance at a County Board meeting.

Student Board member(s) shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed sessions. (Education Code 1000)

All materials presented to the County Board members, except those related to closed sessions, shall be presented to student Board members at the same time they are presented to other County Board members. Student Board member(s) shall also be invited to attend staff briefings or be provided with a separate staff briefing within the same timeframe as the briefing of other County Board members. In addition, all materials given to County Board members between meetings, except for materials that pertain to closed session items, shall be distributed to student Board members. (Education Code 1000)

Student Board member(s) shall be recognized at Board meetings as full member(s), shall be seated with other members of the County Board, and shall be allowed to participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues. (Education Code 1000)

Student Board member(s) shall be allowed to cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion. Preferential voting means a formal expression of opinion that is recorded in the minutes and cast before the official vote of the County Board. Preferential votes shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. (Education Code 1000)

Student Board member(s) may make motions that may be acted upon by the Board. (Education Code 1000)

Student Board members shall be appointed to subcommittees of the County Board in the same manner as other County Board members, and shall be made aware of the time commitment required to participate in subcommittee meetings and work and of the right to decline an appointment. The availability of all subcommittee members, including the availability of student Board members, may be considered when scheduling subcommittee meetings. (Education Code 1000)

Student Board members shall be invited to attend functions of the County Board, such as forums, meetings with students and parents/guardians, and other general assemblies. (Education Code 1000)

### **Student Board Member Training**

The County Board may provide learning opportunities to student Board members through trainings, workshops, and conferences, such as those offered by the California School Boards Association and other organizations, to enhance their knowledge, understanding, and performance of leadership skills and their Board responsibilities.

The County Board may periodically provide information to student Board member candidates to give them an understanding of the position. Once chosen or appointed, incoming student Board members shall be provided an orientation designed to build knowledge and an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of the position.

### **Alternate Student Board Member**

If the County Board determines that the student Board member's duties are not being fulfilled, the County Board may appoint another student to serve out the term of the student Board member. If an alternate student Board member is appointed, the County Board shall suspend the prior student Board member's rights and privileges related to service on the County Board. (Education Code 1000)

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