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Purpose

The Board acknowledges the importance of offering students the opportunity to participate in self-government within the schools.

The purpose of student government shall be to develop student leadership, provide a learning experience in democratic decision-making and offer another avenue toward the realization of district goals.

Authority

The Board establishes that students shall have the right to organize, conduct meetings, elect officers and representatives, and petition the Board.[\[1\]](#)

The Board will recognize the Student Council as the official voice of the student body for students in the middle and high schools.

The charter, constitution or bylaws of the organization for student government shall be duly adopted by the members of the student body it represents.

The Board shall appoint a qualified member of the faculty to serve as an advisor for student government activities.[\[1\]](#)

Guidelines

The Student Council shall be fully responsible for the planning, organization or coordination of the following activities:

1. Participate in or manage extracurricular affairs.
2. Develop student responsibility, initiative, leadership and school pride.
3. Promote the welfare of the school through proper student-faculty relationships.
4. Provide for student expression.
5. Furnish a working model of government.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall establish rules and regulations to implement this policy which:

1. Assure that all students have equal access to the student government and an equal opportunity to vote and hold office.
2. Require fiscal accountability and adherence to Board policy for all financial aspects of student government activity. [\[1\]](#)[2]
3. Require that decisions made and actions taken by the student government organization, in accordance with and within the scope of its constitution, shall not be voided or vetoed by any staff member.

Legal

[1. 24 P.S. 511](#)

2. Pol. 618