

OLD FORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES

TITLE: STUDENT BOARD
REPRESENTATION

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004.1. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATION

Section 1. Purpose

The Board of School Directors recognizes that the students attending the Old Forge School District are the district's most important concern. The Board, therefore, establishes the position of Associate Student Representatives to the Board of School Directors to establish a communications link between itself and the student body and to present the student's viewpoints and concerns.

Section 2. Authority

In order to achieve this goal, the Board will permit the appointment of two (2) student representatives to sit in a nonvoting capacity on the Board, one (1) each from the Junior and Senior classes. The Board reserves the right to remove a student member for misconduct and also reserves the right to eliminate the representatives' positions.

Section 3. Selection

The criterion for selection to serve as Student Representative to the Board of School Directors will be developed by the High School Student Council and may be revised at any time by Board or Superintendent request.

As per the criterion developed by the High School Student Council:

- a. The high school senior class president as elected by the student population will serve a one (1) year term of office as Student Representative.
- b. The high school junior class president as elected by the student population will serve a one (1) year term of office as Student Representative during their junior year, and will become the high school senior class president as elected by the student population, and therefore, serve as the Student Representative for one (1) additional year during their senior year.

- c. Any violation of the Student Council Rules and By-laws that results in the removal of office of the high school senior class president and/or the junior class president will result in a change of Student Representative to the Board of School Directors as reflected in the re-election of class presidents.
- d. High School Presidential office elections will be conducted on an annual basis during the month of May prior to the commencement of the following school year.

Section 4. Term of Office

The term of office for Student Representatives will be from June 1 to May 31. The term will be consistent with the year that the student serves as a junior and/or senior class president.

Section 5. Succession

Vacant positions should either the elected representatives decline to serve, the position shall be filled under the provisions set forth in the Student Council Constitution with tenures granted for the remaining portion of the original term.

Section 6. Participation

The Student Representatives are invited to attend the work sessions, monthly Board meetings and, if invited by an Ad Hoc Committee, committee sessions. Student Representatives may be excluded from any part of work sessions or public Board meetings dealing with personnel, salaries, or other matters that may not be discussed in a public session. Students will make the position of the student body known during the DISCUSSION ON ACTION OF BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD and INFORMATIONAL ITEMS or when called upon by a voting member of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Roles of the Student Representatives

The Student Representatives shall act in a nonvoting capacity and shall represent all district students, as follows:

- a. With assistance from the school district personnel, develop two-way communications with both elementary and secondary students and will be prepared to communicate these views in either oral or written fashion.
- b. Become familiar with the educational goals of the district and shall offer constructive contributions toward the realization of those goals.

- c. Consider the aspects of health, safety and welfare of their fellow students and advance constructive contributions in these areas.
- d. Communicate with all district schools through Student Council all policies, actions and decisions that are an appropriate concern of the students.
- e. Be excused from Board meetings that extend beyond 9:00 p.m. when a school day follows.

Section 8. Revision

A review and revision of this policy will take place at the discretion of the Board or upon request of the High School Principal and the Student Council Advisor.