

5820 STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government

The Board of Education acknowledges the importance of offering pupils the opportunity to participate in self-government within the framework of the school. Pupils have the right to organize, conduct meetings, elect officers and representatives, and petition the Board.

The Board authorizes the organization of student councils.

The Board will recognize the Student Council as the official voice of the student body in grades five through eight in order to:

- A. Give pupils practical experience in organizing, planning and effecting outcomes;
- B. Develop pupil leadership;
- C. Provide a learning experience in democratic decision-making;
- D. Offer another avenue toward the realization of the goals of the district.

Class officers and student government representatives must be in good standing, both academically and behaviorally. Once nominated, selected, or elected, a pupil must maintain his or her standings or risk removal from the position or responsibility.

The Board shall appoint qualified members of the faculty to serve as advisors to student government.

Secret Societies

State legislation prohibits within the public schools, the existence of any organization which is not accessible to all members of that student body by their own free choice. Any such organization which seeks to organize and perpetuate itself by membership decided upon by the members exclusively is considered a fraternity, sorority, or secret society and may not legally exist within the school.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for disciplinary action to be taken for violation of this policy.

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