

Policy

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Frenchtown Board of Education recognizes the importance of offering students the opportunity to participate in representative self-government and to develop leadership skills. Students shall have the right to organize, conduct meetings, elect officers and representatives, and petition the board of education.

The board recognizes the student council of representatives as the official voice of the student body for students in grades 4 through 8. The student council shall be subject to the student council constitution and bylaws which have been duly approved by the students the student council presents and by the board of education. All students shall have equal access to their student government and an equal opportunity to vote and hold office.

Class officers and student government representatives must be in good standing academically and behaviorally. Once nominated, selected, or elected, a student must maintain his/her standings; otherwise, her or she will face the possibility of being dropped from the position or responsibility.

The board shall appoint a qualified teaching staff member or members to serve as advisor(s) to student government activities.

The board directs that decisions made and actions duly taken by the official student government, in accordance with and within the scope of its constitution and bylaws, may not be voided or vetoed by any staff member.

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:42-5 Certain student organizations declared harmful
 N.J.S.A. 18A:42-6 Organizations forbidden in high schools; rules; exceptions

Cross References: *3453 School activity funds
 *5131 Conduct/discipline
 9140 Board representatives

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.