

POLICY 5147

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of maintaining an open communication with the student body. In an effort to improve this communication, the Board supports seating two students from the high school to serve in a nonvoting capacity on the Board of Education. These student representatives on the Board of Education will give students a more effective voice in and at the decision-making level of the school system.

A student representative shall:

- a. Attend all regular meetings of the Board of Education
- b. Report on happenings at Manchester High School under the Communications items on the agenda
- c. Raise issues pertinent to the students at Manchester High School
- d. Speak on any issue on the agenda or motion before the Board unless deemed inappropriate by the Board
- e. Report back to the Manchester High School student body via the student organizations

A student representative shall not:

- a. Be able to cast an official vote on any motion or resolution
- b. Be allowed to attend executives sessions, negotiation sessions or personnel portions of the regular meetings of the Board of Education.

The following procedures will be observed for the seating of the student representatives:

- a. Student representative will come from the junior and senior class at the high school. One student should be a member of the junior class and one student should be from the senior class.
- b. Any junior or senior, through completion of an application and letter of intent and the fulfillment of academic requirements, will be considered eligible. The high school principal or his/her designee will choose the representatives.
- c. After the students have been selected, they will be given an orientation session by the high school principal or his/her designee.
- d. At least one of the two representatives will be seated at the Board table during each Board of Education meeting.
- e. The Board of Education reserves the right to dismiss a student due to poor attendance and call for the selection of a new member.
- f. The term of office for the two representatives shall be for one school year; however, it is expected that the junior representative serve for two school years if re-appointed.