

POLICY

Willingboro Township Board of Education

Section: Bylaws

0143.2. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The Board recognizes that pupils are the primary reason for the existence of the school district. It considers the experience gained by pupils in the district to be a valued source for improving the operation of the school district. The Board is also desirous of furthering the experience of pupils in the governance process and providing opportunities for pupils to contribute to the future direction of the school district. To this end, the Board authorizes the appointment of two pupil representatives to the Board.

Qualifications

The individuals elected as pupil representatives to the Board shall be a member of the student body in grades eleven or twelve.

Term

Pupil representatives to the Board shall serve a term of one year.

Election

Each pupil representative(s) shall be elected by a student election.

The selected representative(s) shall have attained a plurality of votes in the election.

Election shall occur at least four weeks prior to the organizational meeting of the Board.

Pupil representatives shall attend all public meetings of the Board and shall be entitled to speak at the discretion of the Board President on all matters before the Board except as may be prohibited by New Jersey Statute or Code. Pupil representatives shall not be entitled to vote. All confidential information obtained by virtue of membership shall be held as such by pupil representatives. Pupil representatives shall be held to the same code of ethics as elected and appointed members of the Board.

Duties and Responsibilities

Pupil representatives:

1. Attend all public Board meetings.
2. Shall be excluded from executive sessions of the Board.
3. Represent the views of the student body.
4. Suggest through appropriate channels Board agenda items.
5. Participate in Board discussions and deliberations at the discretion of the Board President.
6. Serve on Board committees and attend committee meetings at the discretion of the Committee Chairperson.
7. Shall be excluded from sensitive and confidential discussions and communications (e.g. matters involving personnel, grievances, negotiations, litigation, real property purchase and other sensitive matters).
8. Receive all Board public agendas.
9. May attend the Board orientation sponsored by the New Jersey School Boards Association.
10. Perform such duties as determined by the Board President in consultation with the Superintendent.

Pupil representatives are expected to adhere to all bylaws, policies and regulations of the Board in their role. The Board in no way relinquishes any of its authority, powers, prerogatives or responsibilities but rather adds to its membership a non-voting pupil representative(s) for the mutual benefit of the Board, student body, and the school district.

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