

POLICY 201.1
STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

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I. PURPOSE

The Fairmont Area School Board will add one or two non-voting student school board member(s) of the school board beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year. The Board also has the option to name a student school board member alternate who will attend meetings in the event the regular student member(s) cannot attend.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The term will be for one budget year from July 1 – June 30.
- B. The student board member(s) will be a non-voting member(s).
- C. The student board member(s) will not receive compensation.
- D. The role of the student board member(s) will be to serve as an advisory to the Board.
- E. The student board member(s) is expected to attend all school board meetings and public work sessions
- F. The student board member(s) may not attend closed meetings of the school board.
- G. The student board member(s) may attend school board training sessions sponsored by the Minnesota School Board Association, including the annual winter school board conference.
- H. The student board member(s) can submit an agenda item for consideration one week prior to the next school board meeting. The decision to include the proposed agenda item rests with the Superintendent.
- I. Each school board meeting agenda will include time for the student school board member(s) to speak regarding student concerns, curriculum, and activities.
- J. The student board member(s) will not be furnished with sensitive school board materials/information pertaining to personnel matters, legal action, negotiation strategy, land acquisition, individual student discipline, family matters, or other confidential data
- K. The student board member(s) will be bound by all rules and regulations within law that bind the Board.
- L. The student board member(s) will meet periodically with the superintendent to discuss student issues and concerns.

III. APPLICATION PROCESS

- A. Applications for serving as a student school board member(s) can be obtained at the Superintendent's Office and must be submitted by the end of May, prior to the upcoming school year.
- B. Applications will be received by elected members of the school board. The school board Staff Welfare Committee will consider the applications before inviting candidates for an interview before the full Board.