

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 283

TITLE: Student School Board Representative

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the District's policy related to student school board representatives.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

St. Louis Park School Board will have up to four (4) Student School Board Representatives. The student school board representatives shall act as advisors to, and meet and work constructively with, the St. Louis Park Public School Board and administration in the formation and evaluation of policy and regulations and in the general business in the operation of our school system. This is an unpaid position, however Student School Board Representatives are eligible for credit if they meet the District's internship hours requirements.

This position provides an opportunity for students to serve as a liaison between the student body and the School Board. This opportunity allows Student School Board Representatives to express their opinions about St. Louis Park Public Schools and to support the district strategic plan. Student School Board Representatives participate in SLP School Board study sessions and regular business meetings. They serve on district advisory committees.

Although Student School Board Representatives are non-voting members of the SLP School Board, their input is critical to the decisions the School Board makes for the district. They will be bound by all rules and regulations within law that bind the Board. Student School Board Representatives may submit agenda item(s) for consideration to be included in the Board meeting. Student School Board Representatives will not participate in closed Board sessions and will not be furnished with confidential or sensitive materials or information, including but not limited to information pertaining to personnel matters, legal action, negotiation strategy, land acquisition, or individual student discipline.

III. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to become a Student School Board Representative, a student must:

- Be enrolled at St. Louis Park High School for the duration of the term.
- A demonstrated interest in promoting social justice, inclusion, and equity within the school environment.
- A strong desire to reflect on your own identity (including race, gender, socioeconomic status, etc.) and understand how it influences your experience at school.

- Willingness to learn about and engage with school policies, practices, data, and budgets, as well as a desire to understand how these elements shape the student experience.
- Ability to advocate for yourself and others, demonstrate leadership, and bring new ideas to the table to improve the school environment.
- Able to attend monthly School Board meetings and additional required events, while balancing academic and extracurricular commitments.

IV. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

1. The representative candidates must submit an application explaining their reason(s) for wishing to be the student representative to the board on behalf of their classmates.
2. A committee consisting of the superintendent, executive director of assessment, research and evaluation, principal, and two school board members will interview the candidates.
3. Each year the committee will choose four candidates to represent St. Louis Park Public Schools as student school board representatives for a term of one school year but students may reapply if they would like to serve an additional term.
4. The Board shall reserve the right to assign a new representative if any of the original representatives cannot serve the entire one-year term.

V. GUIDELINES (or EXPECTATIONS)

Guidelines are outlined in the student school board representative job description.