

PURPOSE & INTENT

The purpose of student leadership programs within the Lyon County School District (LCSD) is to provide students with meaningful opportunities to develop civic responsibility, communication skills, democratic values, and a positive school culture. Student leaders serve as a vital liaison and official voice, representing student perspectives to school staff, building administration, the Superintendent, and the Board of Education.

LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE & ROLES

LCSD supports organized student leadership across multiple levels to ensure robust student involvement in decision-making:

Elected Officers: While positions typically include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, autonomy will remain with the school for all elected officer positions.

General Student-Body Representation: Representatives gather peer feedback, share updates, and represent the student body within whole-school matters.

Student Representative to the LCSD Board (Reference Policy BCBA: Student Representation to the Board).

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

To ensure democratic, fair, and accessible student elections across the LCSD, eligibility standards shall be transparently shared with the students, staff and families. Eligibility for participation must align to Policy IGDC: Extra Co-Curricular Activities & Expectations and Policy ID: Student Activities. The school prerequisites shall be clearly articulated in the candidate packet.

Prohibition of Elective Prerequisites: If a school utilizes a leadership class to facilitate student council operations, enrollment may only be required *after* election. Alternative independent study or scheduling accommodation must be provided for students with unavoidable academic conflicts (e.g., AP courses, Dual Credit or CTE tracks).

Nomination & Campaigning: Candidates must submit a candidate packet. Candidate packets should be reviewed to ensure its alignment with district policies, eligibility and regulations.

Staff Neutrality & Election Integrity: District employees must maintain strict impartiality, refraining from endorsing, opposing, or influencing candidate selection. To guarantee full transparency, auditability, and defensibility, all school processes must be clearly detailed in their respective school bylaws.