

The Student School Board Representative (SBR) Program

Why is student representation on the school board important?

Serving as a Student School Board Representative is a great way to learn more about local government and get to know how the School Board operates. This opportunity allows you to express your opinions about St. Louis Park Schools in an effort to support the district strategic plan for Racial Equity Transformation and enhance student experiences. Listing your Student School Board Representative position on college and scholarship applications distinguishes you from most of your peers. There are also specific college scholarships available to Student School Board Representatives in Minnesota.

Who can be a Student School Board Representative?

For each school year, there will be ~~three~~ **four** representatives from the high school, participating in board meetings on a rotating basis. Each representative will participate in no more than **22** board **study sessions**/meetings in a year. Potential candidates are required to complete an application and provide two references: one educational staff member and one peer.

What is the role of a Student School Board Representative?

SBRs participate in SLP School Board ~~open~~ **study sessions and regular business** meetings ~~and workshops~~. They also 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. Roles and responsibilities include:

- Arriving on time and staying for the duration of School Board **study sessions and regular business** meetings ~~and workshops~~ whenever possible.
- ~~Serving on one or more district advisory committees.~~
- Sharing activities and events at SLPHS and the larger community with the School Board during Student Board Member Reports.
- Meeting with different students and groups at the high school and middle school to talk with them about what they value the most about their experiences and ways to improve the student experience.
- Advising the School Board on what students want in terms of social, educational, and physical characteristics of our district.
- Proposing ideas at meetings, workshops, and in committees to make our district stronger.

What is the term length of a Student School Board Representative?

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The term is one academic year (August-June). Rising **freshman, sophomore, juniors and seniors** apply in the spring. **Student representatives will meet with Dr. Silvy Lafayette a week before each scheduled meeting to review agenda and policies, if necessary. Students will earn high school credit for their service as a representative.**

Sounds exciting! How do I apply?

Complete the online application before ~~August 27th, 2021~~ **April 4, 2025**. A member of the St. Louis Park School Board will follow up with you to schedule an interview. Please email ~~St. Louis Park School Board Director Katie O'Shea Pederson~~ **(administrative designee)** with any questions katie.pederson@slpschools.org.