

Coos Bay School District 9

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Student Involvement in Decision Making

Two essential factors in creating a stimulating learning climate for students are the active involvement of students in their education, including educational planning and evaluation, and the fostering of a spirit of inquiry whereby students may freely express their views and listen to and evaluate opinions of others.

Student representation may bring to the Board different types of information and opinions that may not have been heard regularly in the past. Very often, members of the board are unaware of student reactions to the many developments in their schools. Conversely, explanations of Board decisions that concern students generally do not reach them and misunderstandings sometimes result. Student representation, as provided by these procedures, may help fill such a communication gap.

1. There may be one student representative to the Board from the district's senior high schools.
2. The student representatives will hold a non-voting position and be allowed to participate in all board meetings open to the public.
3. Students interested in filling this position shall submit an application to the student council. The council shall review applications and forward them to the respective principals with recommendations. The principal will make the selection. Alternates, if desired, may be chosen in a like manner and, in the absence of the regular representative, may have the same privileges as the regular representative.
4. The representatives shall be chosen each spring, and shall serve for a one-year term, July 1 through June 30.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)