

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Student Representatives to the Board

Students are the primary people who experience the way Shoreline School District's policies and practices actualize their learning and growth in our schools. As such, the Shoreline School Board believes that students possess unique and valuable insight on the direction of the district and decisions made on their behalf; which is essential for the Board to receive and consider. The Board recognizes that the organizational structure of the district can create a barrier between decision makers and students, and seeks to eliminate that through active communication and ongoing relationship with the students we serve.

To put our shared commitment to including student voice in the decision-making of the district into action, the Board will annually seat two Student School Board Representatives from each high school (one senior and one junior) and support the maintenance of a Student Committee for School Board Representation. Recognizing the impressive diversity of the district, the goal is that the district's diversity is represented amongst the students selected, with the ultimate goal being for these students to have a meaningful impact on the work of the Board.

Student representatives will be selected and serve according to the procedures defined by their schools' ASB constitutions. The role of the student representatives will be to:

- Provide student insight and perspective to the Board of Directors and District Administration during Board meetings and ahead of votes taken by the Board.
- Share student issues, concerns, questions, activities, and requests with the Board during presentations and reports, as well as during a standing student representative report agenda item.
- Serve as a liaison to the students of the District through the established student government and communications networks.
- Report back to students about the work of the school district and the Board of Directors.

Student representatives will serve during the school year. Senior representatives will serve as a mentor for junior representatives. At least one student representative from each school will be expected to attend, remotely or in-person, each regular board business meeting, study session, listening session, and board retreats while school is in session. Student representatives are encouraged to attend all meetings. If neither student is able to attend from their respective school, the senior student representative will notify the board president and superintendent in advance of the absence.

Student representatives will sit at the table with board directors and have access to all meeting materials (including agendas, presentation slides, other supplemental materials, public comment submissions, and board director/student representatives questions and answers) in advance of each meeting.

Student representatives are encouraged to join a Board committee.

Student representatives will not attend executive or closed sessions, make or second motions, vote, or hold Board offices.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Student Representatives to the Board

The Superintendent will serve as the primary point of contact for questions, requests, and advocacy on behalf of students. Ahead of their first board meeting each school year, student representatives will be given the opportunity to learn about the work of the Board, board goals/priorities and operating principles, the district strategic plan, meeting agendas and processes, the structure of district policy and finances, legislative advocacy, and to have initial meetings with existing board members and the Superintendent. Additionally, student representatives will be given the opportunity to:

- Visit schools and meet with student groups in the district.
- Participate in the Washington State School Directors' Association's (WSSDA) Student Representative Network (SRN).
- Attend the WSSDA's annual and legislative conferences, respectively, pending budget availability; following existing district policies around field trips.

Student representatives are encouraged to identify any additional materials or resources needed to support their participation on the Board and carry out their responsibilities.

In support of student representatives, Board directors are expected to:

- Be accessible to, engage with, provide guidance to, and maintain professional working relationships with each of the student representatives.
- Share with student representatives opportunities to contribute to student voice in governance at the city, county, state, and national levels.
- Consider the opinions and recommendations of student representatives before making decisions on district matters.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Board, Student Representatives, and the Superintendent.

Adopted: March 7, 2023