

MSAD 54
STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON THE SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board endorses the concept of student access to the district decision making process, to provide advice and opinions on matters of common interest, and to enhance communication and a sense of community with the MSAD 54/RSU 54 School District. In addition, the district values student voice and see their non-voting positions as an extension of our philosophy. Due to our interest in having consistent student participation at Board meetings, and recognizing time constraints, we will appoint one student Board representative from each of the junior and senior classes.

Participation:

Up to two student board members shall be seated with regular Board Members and be recognized at meetings as advisory. All student board members will be non-voting representatives to the School Board. They may fully participate in meetings by questioning presenters and discussing issues. In accordance with state law a student representative may not make or second motions or officially vote on any question. Student Board Members will receive all materials presented to Board members except those related to closed sessions or are confidential in nature.

Term:

Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, the Board shall appoint one member of the incoming junior class to the Board. The term of a student board member shall be a two year term from July 1st of one year to June 30th of the second following year. The Board shall act on appointments for the next term at a June meeting. Should a vacancy occur prior to the conclusion of the term, another student may be appointed in accordance with established procedures to complete the term.

Eligibility:

Student Board members shall maintain curriculum and behavioral standards which include:

- a. Being academically eligible to take part in student organizations.
- b. Standards of behavior and citizenship that are determined to be of exemplary quality.
- c. Adherence to standards of membership, attendance, and decorum.

Selection:

The Superintendent will be responsible for developing a process for the selection of student representatives in collaboration with the Board Chair and the High School Principal. The Superintendent or designee will review the applications for board membership. The selection committee will recommend the names of student representatives to the full board. The board will vote on either accepting or rejecting the name(s) put forward.