

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN DECISIONMAKING

Two essential factors in creating a stimulating learning climate for students are the active involvement of students in their education, including educational planning, and the fostering of a spirit of inquiry and participation whereby students may freely express their views, listen to the views of others, and take part in decision making processes.

Therefore, the School Committee believes that students, consistent with their level of maturity, should be given a role in the development of procedures, rules, and regulations which affect them. Such participation is endorsed for classroom, school and system-wide levels.

The School Committee shall meet at least once every other month, during the months school is in session with its Student Advisory Committee, which, in accordance with state law, shall be composed of at least five high school students elected by the high school student body. Membership shall consist of the president or two co-presidents of the student body, two student representatives to the Greater Boston Student Advisory Committee and one elected officer of each class. The members of the Student Advisory Committee shall, by majority vote prior to the first day of June in each year elect from their number a chairperson who shall serve for a term of one year. Said chairperson shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the School Committee, without the right to attend executive sessions unless such right is expressly granted by the School Committee. Said chairperson shall be subject to all School Committee rules and regulations and shall serve without compensation.

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