

ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Enfield, Connecticut

Bylaws of the Board

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Student Representatives

The Enfield Board of Education acknowledges the value of the insights, opinions and information that can be provided by members of the student body. To this end, it will be the policy of the Board to seat two students from Enfield High School in nonvoting capacity at all public Board of Education meetings. Student opinion will be solicited to give an added dimension to the Board's decision-making process.

The following guidelines and procedures will be followed for the seating of the student representatives:

1. Student representatives shall attend as a guest and at the invitation of The Board.
2. Attendance at Board meetings shall be considered a school sponsored event and, as such, student representatives shall be subject to and comply with all Board policies as well as all school rules and regulations.
3. Two student representatives and two (2) alternate representatives shall be recommended by the student government body, subject to the approval of the building Principal. To be eligible the student must be a member of the Junior or Senior class in good standing (letter grade "C" average or above), cannot be ineligible for student activities and must have taken and passed a Civics course as a pre-requisite.
4. The Board of Education reserves the right to dismiss a student representative, by majority vote, who fails to attend three (3) Board meetings without being excused or other cause and call for the selection of a new representative. Student representatives may also be removed from their position of nonvoting representatives to the Board of Education by action of the building Principal, with input from the Faculty Advisor(s) of the student governing body.
5. Student representatives shall be recommended and appointed each school year.
6. The term of office for student representatives shall be one (1) school year, normally beginning with the start of the school year.
7. Student representatives shall receive credit for participation as an Independent Study and shall report back to the student governing body and the teacher assigned as the advisor to the student governing body.
8. After being appointed, Student Representatives will be given an orientation session by the Superintendent of Schools, a member of the Board of Education or their designee, the building Principal and a teacher advisor from the student governing body.

Student Representatives (continued)**Privileges and Responsibilities****Student Representatives may:**

1. Be able to attend all regular meetings of the Board of Education and may, at their option, attend special meetings or other public meetings of the Board of Education;
2. Receive copies of all regular meetings agendas, minutes and other pertinent information and publications which are made available to Board of Education members, except for Executive Session related material;
3. Comment under Board Comments on the agenda or make a report under Committee Reports;
4. Request through the Chairman or ranking Minority member to have an item placed on the agenda for a Board meeting;
5. Participate in discussion and speak on any motion or issue on the agenda unless deemed inappropriate by the Board;
6. Be eligible to sit on committees and sub-committees of the Board of Education if deemed appropriate by the Board and appointed by the Chairman.

Student Representatives may not:

1. Make motions or cast an official vote on any motion or resolution;
2. Attend executive session, “non-meetings,” negotiation sessions or any other meeting deemed inappropriate by the Board.

Only those privileges and powers enumerated previously shall be regarded specifically as such; any and all other powers and privileges that might be deemed appropriate for the student representatives shall be decided upon by the Board of Education.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
9-203 Number and term of members of boards of education.

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