

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

I. Generally

The opinions and concerns of the students in Alexandria City Public Schools are important to the School Board. Therefore, the Board establishes two (2) non-voting Student Representative to the School Board positions for high school students, and four (4) non-voting Student Representative positions for middle school students. The Middle School Student Representatives serve in an advisory capacity to the (high school) Student Representatives to the School Board, and do not participate in Board Meetings.

II. High School Student Representatives

Including Student Representatives as non-voting members of the School Board will create a direct link between ACPS students and the elected body that governs them. This relationship will enable the student body to have input into the policies and direction of the school division.

The establishment of these positions will provide T. C. Williams High School students the opportunity to serve their community and to gain a more thorough understanding of city and school governance and its role in creating an effective learning environment for every child in Alexandria.

The Student Representatives shall serve in an advisory capacity and shall not vote. The Student Representatives shall not attend closed meetings.

The school division shall provide the meeting agenda and other public materials to the Student Representatives in advance of each public meeting. The Student Representatives shall not have access to confidential information, including student or personnel records. The Student Representatives are expected to attend all regular, open meetings and complete assignments for research and data collection when requested by the School Board.

III. Implementation

Regulations BBBB-R and BBBB-R2 implement this policy. The Board can remove any Student Representative if there is a violation of ACPS policy or Virginia law.

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BBBB-R2 Middle School Student Representatives Regulation and Application