

Student Representative to the Board of Directors

Purpose

1. The purpose of the student representatives to the Tenino School District Board of Directors is to serve as liaison between the governing body of the school district and students.
2. Two (2) high school student representatives will serve as liaisons to the Board of Directors. The student representatives will provide insight and support to the Board's understanding of student issues and perspectives.
3. An alternate representative will also be selected to serve in the absence of the Student Board Representatives or in the event that a Student Board Representative can no longer serve their term.
4. The student representatives will represent Tenino High School in accordance with the following qualifications, selection procedures, and responsibilities.

Term of Office

1. The representatives will be selected in the spring, with their term starting the following year.
2. The term of office will be for two school years, beginning in September and concluding in June.
3. In the event of a vacancy during the school year, a student will be selected from qualified applicants to serve the remaining term of the school year.

Qualifications for Application

1. The student must be in grade 11 or 12 during their term as student representative and attend Tenino High School at least three (3) periods per day.
2. The student must be in proper academic standing equivalent to participation in athletics or other student activities and maintain proper academic standing throughout his or her term.
3. The student will be expected to maintain personal standards of behavior appropriate to participation in student activities.
4. The student must be willing to convey student opinion to the Board of Directors and report Board deliberations and actions to the student body.

Application Process

1. Students will submit a completed Student Representative Application to the Tenino High School Principal.
2. Students must obtain approval signatures from parents.

3. Students must submit one (1) reference letter, at least one from a teacher or administrator.
4. Selected applicants will be interviewed by one or more members of the Board, the Superintendent, the senior Student Representative and the Tenino High School Principal. The committee will recommend student representatives to the Board of Directors for approval.

Removal

1. The student representative serves at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
2. The Board may remove the student representative for failure to fulfill his or her duties, for failure to maintain academic standards, or for behaviors that the Board deems unacceptable as a member of the Board of Directors or embarrassing to the school district.

Responsibilities of the Student Representative

The student representative will:

1. Adhere to all the rules and regulations pertaining to Board members.
2. Attend all regular school board meetings which occur while school is in session. Since regular board meetings occur during the evening hours of a school night, the Board of Directors may grant permission for the student representative to leave a meeting before the conclusion if the student report has been given. Regular school board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month at 6:30 PM in the Board Room at the District Office.
3. Attend special meetings or study sessions if requested, but not Executive Sessions.
4. Review the Board of Directors agenda and any related materials prior to all regular Board meetings.
5. Participate in discussion at regular open meetings of the Board when applicable. However, the student representative may not make any motions or vote.
6. Provide reports to the Board during the agenda item titled "Student Representative Board Report." The reports will include student activities, topics and concerns.
7. Report Board deliberations and actions to Tenino High School Student Council as applicable.
8. Orient a new student representative.
9. Participate in Board training sessions, when invited, such as WSSDA conference and legislative assembly. When these sessions occur on school days, student representatives will follow the established prearranged absence procedures at the high school.

Responsibilities of the Superintendent and the Board of Directors

The Superintendent and the Board of Directors will:

1. Meet with the student representative and high school principal at the beginning of the school year to review expectations, responsibilities, and participation.
2. Meet with the student representative quarterly to assess the experience and plan for future activities.