

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: Student Government

ADOPTED: December 17, 1990

REVISED:

228 STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Purpose

The Board of Education acknowledges the importance of offering students the opportunity to participate in self-government within the establishment of the schools in accordance with the freedoms and responsibilities of our democratic society.

Authority

Students shall have the right to organize, conduct meetings, elect officers and representatives and petition the principal of their school.

The Board will recognize the student council as the official voice of the student body of high and vocational-technical schools and for the purposes of developing student leadership and providing a learning experience in democratic decision making provided that the bylaws of that organization have been duly adopted by the members of the student body it represents and approved by the Superintendent.

Each student government shall be responsible for the planning and organization or coordination of the following activities: its own government as well as projects suggested by students and approved by the principal.

Each student government shall provide input for the development of a code of student behavior and curriculum development.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent is authorized to establish rules and regulations to implement this policy which require each student council to:

1. invite the participation of all students in council activities

2. assure that all students have equal access to the student government and an equal opportunity to vote and hold office
3. maintain fiscal accountability and adherence to Board policy for all financial aspects of student government activity
4. evaluate the effectiveness of student government activities toward meeting the goals established by this policy
5. guarantee that decisions made and actions taken by the student government are in accordance with the constitution approved by the Board.

Legal References:

1. Pennsylvania School Code 22, Sections 12-15(g)(5)(6); 511(d)