

# **LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

POLICY: 228

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: SUBSTANCE AWARENESS AND ABUSE

ADOPTED: July 18, 1994

REVISED: September 17, 2018

## **228. STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

### **Purpose**

The Board acknowledges the importance of offering students the opportunity to participate in self government within the establishment of the schools.

The purpose of student government shall be to:

1. Develop student leadership;
2. Provide a learning experience in democratic decision-making;
3. Provide a means for students to exchange ideas and give feedback to building administrators.

### **Authority**

The main purpose of the Student Council is to teach good citizenship and thus, the Student Council becomes in reality, a laboratory of citizenship, an organization that teaches youth to be good citizens by doing the thing which a good citizen does. Student Council is a liaison between students, teachers and administrators.

The Board will appoint a qualified member of the faculty to serve as an advisor for student government activities.<sup>1</sup>

Students will, under direction and guidance of a faculty advisor, have the right to organize, conduct meetings, elect officers and representatives and petition the Board.<sup>2</sup>

The charter, constitution or bylaws of the organization for student government shall be duly adopted by the members of the student body it represents and approved by the building principal or designee

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<sup>1</sup> 24 P.S. 511.

<sup>2</sup> 24 P.S. 511.

The Student Council is a democratic organization, formed from the entire student body, to foster school spirit, develop school interests and manage the various school activities.

The Board will recognize the Student Council as the official voice of the student body.

#### Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall establish rules and regulations to implement this policy which will:

1. Invite the participation of students in their formulation.
2. Assure that all students have equal access to the student government and an equal opportunity to vote and hold office.
3. Require fiscal accountability and adherence to Board policy for all financial aspects of student government activity.<sup>3</sup>

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