

LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: 232

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING

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232. STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING

Purpose

The Board believes that students should participate in the governance of school activities at levels appropriate to their ages and competencies because:

1. As part of their educational development, students should assume some of the responsibility of planning and executing the activities of the schools;
2. As an institution fundamental to the operation of a democratic society, the schools should strive to exemplify the democratic ideal of citizen participation in decision-making;
3. As part of their educational development, students should be provided experiences and decision-making roles to prepare them for the future; and
4. Students are a valuable resource whose contributions can materially aid and benefit the schools.

Authority

The Board directs that students be invited to participate in activities appropriate to their maturity and competency, leading to administrative decision-making.

Suggestions for the improvement of the school may be offered by any student, provided they are of a constructive nature and contribute toward the realization of the educational goals of the district.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy which:

1. Provide for the submission, consideration, and response to constructive student suggestions;
2. Designate the manner by which students shall be selected for participation in school matters; and
3. Ensure that student participation is fairly representational of the whole student body.