

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY 232

SECTION: PUPILS
 TITLE: PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL AFFAIRS
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232. PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL AFFAIRS

1. **Purpose**

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

 1. Students should have a part in the determination of activities which so deeply affect their lives.
 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 assume some of the responsibility of planning and executing the activities of the schools.
 4. Students are a valuable resource whose contributions can materially aid and benefit the schools.

2. **Authority**

The Board directs that students be invited to participate in activities leading to administrative decision making in the following areas: student conduct and the disciplinary code, and curriculum planning appropriate to their age and competencies.

Suggestions for the improvement of the schools 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.

3. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy which:

1. Provide for the submission, consideration, and response to constructive student suggestions.
2. Ensure that student participation is fairly representational of the whole student body.
3. Ensure that the student voice and vote in decision making is fairly balanced with those of faculty, administration and community members.