

## Student Board Members

01 In order to enhance communication between the Governing Board and the  
02 student body and to engage students in the District's educational programs  
03 and operations, the Board encourages the involvement of high school  
04 students in District governance. ~~The inclusion of one or more student~~  
05 representatives on the Board shall be ordered upon receipt of a student  
06 petition in accordance with Education Code 35012 or may be ordered at any  
07 time at the discretion of the Board.The Board has created a Student Board  
08 Member position that shall remain in effect until the Board, by majority vote of  
09 all voting Board members, approves a motion to eliminate the position. In the  
10 event that the Board has eliminated the Student Board Member position, the  
11 District's high school students may petition the Board for a Student Board  
12 Member position pursuant to Education Code Section 35012.

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### 14 Petition for Request for Representation

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16 High school students may submit a petition to the Board requesting the  
17 appointment of at least one student Board member. This petition, or a  
18 separate petition submitted after students have been appointed to the Board,  
19 also may include a request to allow preferential voting for student Board  
20 members.

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22 Preferential voting means a formal expression of opinion that is recorded in  
23 the minutes and cast before the official vote of the Board.

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25 To be eligible for consideration by the Board, the petition for student  
26 representation or the petition for preferential voting shall contain the  
27 signatures of no less than 500 regularly enrolled high school students, or no  
28 less than 10 percent of the number of regularly enrolled high school students,  
29 whichever is less.

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31 Within 60 days of receiving a student petition, or at the next regularly  
32 scheduled Board meeting if no meeting is held within those 60 days, the  
33 Board shall order the inclusion of a student member on the Board or shall act  
34 to allow preferential voting for the Student Board Member, as applicable.

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36 Once established, the student Board member position shall remain in effect  
37 until the Board, by majority vote of all voting Board members, approves a  
38 motion to eliminate the position.

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### 40 Selection of Student Board Member

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42 A Student Board Member shall be selected by the San Marino High School

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43 Principal and shall be enrolled in the High School in accordance with  
44 procedures prescribed by the Board.

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46 Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Member

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48 The term of a Student Board Member shall be one year, commencing on July  
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51 A Student Board Member shall have the right to attend all Board meetings  
52 except closed (executive) sessions. All materials presented to Board  
53 members, except those related to closed sessions, shall be presented to  
54 Student Board Members at the same time they are presented to voting Board  
55 members. Student Board Member(s) shall also be invited to attend staff  
56 briefings or be provided with a separate staff briefing within the same  
57 timeframe as the briefing of other Board members.

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59 A Student Board Member shall be recognized at Board meetings as a full  
60 member and shall be seated with other members of the Board. In addition, a  
61 Student Board Member may participate in questioning and discussing issues.

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63 ~~When a student petition has requested preferential voting rights for Student~~  
64 ~~Board members or when the Board has granted preferential voting rights, A~~  
65 ~~Student Board member may cast preferential votes on all matters except~~  
66 ~~those subject to closed session discussion. Preferential votes shall not affect~~  
67 ~~the final numerical outcome of a vote.~~

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69 A Student Board Member shall not be liable for any acts of the Board.

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71 ~~A Student Board Member shall not receive compensation for attendance at~~  
72 ~~Board meetings be entitled to be reimbursed for mileage to the same extent~~  
73 ~~as other Board members but shall not receive compensation for attendance at~~  
74 ~~Board meetings.~~

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76 Student Board Member Development

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78 As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall, at District expense,  
79 provide learning opportunities to student Board members, through trainings,  
80 workshops, and conferences, to enhance their knowledge, understanding,  
81 and performance of their Board responsibilities.

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83 The Superintendent or designee may periodically provide an orientation for  
84 Student Board Member candidates to give them an understanding of the  
85 responsibilities and expectations of Board service.

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88 Legal Reference:

89 EDUCATION CODE

90 33000.5 Appointment of student members to State Board of Education

91 35012 Board members; number, election and terms; student members

92 GOVERNMENT CODE

93 3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations Act

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95 Management Resources:

96 WEB SITES

97 CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

98 California Association of Student Councils: <http://www.casc.net>

99 California Association of Student Leaders: <http://www.caslboard.com>

100 National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>

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104 Adopted:

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109 Exhibit (1)

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111 Duties of Student Board Member

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113 The duties of the Student Board member include the following:

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115 1. To provide continuing input for Board deliberations.

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117 2. To strengthen communications between the Board and District  
118 students.

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120 3. To represent all students and facilitate the discussion of all sides of  
121 issues. This duty does not preclude a Student Board member from stating  
122 his/her individual opinion.

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124 Selection and Term

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126 A Student Board member shall be selected by the San Marino High School  
127 Principal. The term of office shall be July 1 - June 30. ~~elected by the students~~  
of the District based on the following criteria:

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129 ~~1. The student body of each high school shall have one vote.~~

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131 ~~2. The vote shall be cast by an elected student representative from each~~  
132 ~~high school campus.~~

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134 ~~3. The student Board member shall be elected by a majority vote.~~

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136 ~~4. The term of office shall be July 1—June 30.~~

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138 Vacancy

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140 If the position of a Student Board member becomes vacant, another student  
141 Board member shall be selected following the steps listed above.

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143 Board Materials/Information

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145 The Superintendent or his/her designee shall provide the Student Board  
146 member with full and complete agendas and copies of any materials received  
147 by the Board except for those materials covered in closed session and any  
148 other confidential materials. The Superintendent's office shall serve as the  
149 "home office" for the student Board member, where he/she may make use of  
150 secretarial facilities and receive advice and/or information upon request.

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155 Exhibit (2)

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157 Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_

158 Student Board Member Motions

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161 WHEREAS: The Governing Board of the San Marino Unified School District  
162 includes a Student Board; member(s);

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164 AND WHEREAS: California Education Code 35012 provides that the Board  
165 may authorize its student member to make motions that may be acted upon  
166 by the Board, except on matters dealing with employer-employee relations  
167 pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3;

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169 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board hereby authorizes its student  
170 member(s) to make motions as specified above.

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173 Passed and Adopted by the Governing Board of the San Marino Unified

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174 School District, by the following vote: \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

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176 (date)

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178 Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

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180 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

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President, Governing Board

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School District

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County, California

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary to the Board

3/93

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_