Hickman County Board of Education

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Review: Annually, in July	**Student Board Representative**	**1.206**	**10/21/24**
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The Board recognizes the value of communicating with students and considering their ideas and perspectives regarding the educational program. The Board also believes in supporting student leadership and fostering interest in public service. In order to facilitate student input and involvement, the Board establishes an advisory, non-voting Student Board Representative position.

~~One Student Board Representative will be selected from each High School by their principal or his/her designee from the TSBA Scope Candidates and shall serve a 1-year term, starting in September~~. S/he shall be a current Hickman County High School or East Hickman High School student in good standing entering his/her junior or senior year. In order to receive a diversity of opinions and perspective, the children of HCSS Staff and Board Members are not preferred.

One Student Board Representative will be selected from each High School by their principal or his/her designee. Preference will be given to students who attend the TSBA Scope Conference. Student Board Representatives shall serve a 1 year term, starting in September.

The Board may remove a Student Board Representative during the term if s/he becomes ineligible or fails to fulfill his/her responsibilities. In the event of a vacancy prior to the expiration of the term, an alternate will be appointed by the Hickman County High School/East Hickman High School principal from the remaining TSBA Scope Candidates. If one is not able to serve, then the principal (s) shall select a student.

Student Board Representative will:

- Attend all regularly scheduled, monthly board work sessions and business meetings.
- Contribute to board discussion by being prepared for meetings and providing student insight and perspective.
- Report to students about the work of the board and district activities.
- Give a report to the Board at the end of their 1-year term regarding their experience of serving and provide any appropriate information that may help to improve the effectiveness of such a service.
- Act and dress, while serving, in a manner consistent with other school board members and in accordance with the school board Code of Ethics.
- Maintain his/her status as a student in good standing during his/her term of service.

Student Board Representative may:

- Attend some board special events and meetings after consultation with the Board mentor, and if scheduling allows.
- Present a report at regular meetings regarding student activities in the district.

Student Board Representative will NOT:

- Make motions, second motions, or vote.
- Attend executive sessions.
- Hold board offices.

- Participate in board discussions or receive board materials concerning topics such as, but not limited to sensitive personnel matters, legal action strategy, negotiations strategy, individual student discipline, or other confidential matters as deemed necessary by the Board.
- Receive compensation for their service to the school board.

The Board will:

- The Chair shall appoint a board member to serve as a mentor to each of the student board members. This mentor shall serve as the primary contact between the student members and the full board. The mentor will work with the student board members to support scheduling, meeting preparation, and other duties as necessary.
- Ensure that the Student Board Representative receives training and monthly materials needed to satisfactorily serve.
- Consider, respectfully, the Student Board Representative's positions and recommendations as one element of its decision-making process.