

By-Laws

**SUBJECT: STUDENT SERVING AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE
GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Gouverneur Central School Board of Education recognizes the intrinsic value of a student representative serving on the Board. The Board promotes the unique perspective offered by a student and believes that the contributions will enhance the decisions made by the collective members. To the extent permissible by New York Educational Law and subject to biennial approval of the district voters, the successful student representative will be selected through the process outlined below.

Upon appointment, the ex officio student representative member shall be a member of the sophomore, junior or senior class and shall have attended the District for at least two years prior to selection. The Superintendent shall recommend for Board approval the student representative selected from the following process:

- a written application to the high school principal stating interest
- an interview by a committee selected by the high school principal
- recommendation to the superintendent
- an interview with the superintendent
- recommendation to the school board

The selected student representative to serve on the Board shall serve as an ex officio member and:

- Shall be entitled to sit with Board members at all public meetings of the Board and participate in all Board hearings and meetings, and
- Shall not be allowed to vote, attend executive session, or be entitled to receive compensation of any form for participating at Board meetings.

There are two circumstances under which a representative may be removed/withdrawn from office:

- 1) Automatic removal if the student has committed a personal offense against the District's rules which requires a hearing with the Superintendent resulting in disciplinary action;
- 2) Failure to attend three consecutive meetings without a valid reason.

If the student representative wishes to resign from this position, he/she should provide the President of the Board of Education and the building administration with two weeks' advance notice.

The Board of Education has the final responsibility for determining whether the student shall continue in the position of student representative to the Board.

Education Law §§ 1702(3), 1702(3-1), 1804(12), 1804(12-A), 1901(2), 1901(3), 2502(10) and 2502(10-a)

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