

Student Board Members

Each spring, the Fontana Unified School Board accepts applications from current high school juniors who are interested in filling the student seat that will be vacated at the end of the school year.

Applicants must be in good academic standing and willing to serve for one school year, from August through June.

A. Student Member Job Responsibilities

What's expected from a student member:

1. To be prepared by reviewing the materials for monthly meetings
2. To attend monthly meetings
3. To participate and engage in discussions
4. To promote interest in and support for education in Fontana
5. To be courteous and respectful of public suggestions and complaints and refer them to appropriate parties
6. To work harmoniously with other Board members, city and other government officials
7. To become familiar with State laws, policies, and regulations as they relate to education
8. To accept the will of the majority vote in all cases and give support to the resulting policy

What a student member gains from Board membership:

1. Incredible experience and insight into educational policy in Fontana and California at large
2. Familiarity with local, State and Federal laws, policies, and regulations as they relate to education
3. Knowledge about education issues as they relate to Fontana, the state of California, and the nation
4. Ability to make a difference in educational policy
5. Mentoring relationship with Board member
6. Opportunity to gain job connections and to learn about career choices.

B. Application Process

Interested students will be required to submit the following documents to the Board for review. Specific forms and instructions for the application will be available on the school district website.

* Application Letter

* Application

* Parental Support Statement

* ~~School~~ **Principal Support Agreement Statement**

C. Selection Process

1. Applications are sought from high school juniors annually. The successful candidate is seated on the board when his/her junior year has been completed.
2. Each student member of the Board serves for a term of one year. A junior in high school must be added each year to the Board to serve a term of one year.
3. The Board shall notify every Fontana high school principal that applications are being accepted for the student member's position.
4. Applications for the student member's position must be submitted to the Superintendent's Office, **or designee**, according to the published schedule.
5. The Superintendent, **or designee**, is responsible for convening a committee ~~which may include community members, including a principal, assistant principal, city official, parent, and community members,~~ to conduct a ~~blind~~ review of applications and select a ~~maximum of six finalists~~ **finalist to represent the school in final interviews**.
6. The Board will interview the finalists in open session.
7. The Board will, based on the interview scores, select one of the finalists to be the next youth member of the Board.
8. Once the youth member is selected, the Board is charged with confirming the appointment.
9. A new youth member is seated on the Board.
10. An alternate will also be selected, in the event that the Student Board member is unable to serve.

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