

Student Representatives on the Board of Education

The Clinton Board of Education recognizes the importance of maintaining open communication with the student body. In an effort to improve this communication, the Board supports seating three students from The Morgan School to serve in a nonvoting capacity on the Clinton Board of Education. These student representatives on the Board of Education will give students, as the clients within the educational corporation, a more effective voice in and at the decision-making level of the school system.

The representatives in attendance will be seated at the Board table at each Board of Education meeting. Student opinion will be solicited to give an added dimension to the Board's decision-making process. The student representatives will not attend executive sessions of the Board of Education nor will they have access to associated backup material.

The following procedures will be observed for the seating of the student representatives:

- 1. Student representatives will come from the junior and senior class at The Morgan School. One student shall be a member of the junior class and two students shall be members of the senior class.
- 2. Nomination Process: Nominations to fill a position as a student representative will be through self-nomination. Any junior or senior student in good standing and who completes the application process will be considered eligible. Representatives will be chosen through an interview process conducted by members of the Board of Education.
- 3. After the students have been selected, they will be given an orientation session by the Superintendent of Schools and an officer of the Board or designee.
- 4. At least one of the three representatives should be present at each regular meeting of the Board of Education. If it is not possible for a student representative to be present at the Board of Education, the representative is responsible for advising the Superintendent's office and the Board of Education Chairperson in advance of the meeting of his/her absence.
- 5. The Board of Education reserves the right by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Board members present to dismiss a student due to an academic issue, poor attendance at Board meetings or at school, disciplinary issues, or other actions that in the opinion of the Board demean the position of student representative and call for the selection of a new member.
- 6. A student representative should be available for attendance at the Board of Education meeting with the first meeting following notification of selection.
- 7. The terms of office for the representatives shall be as follows:
 - a. The junior representative will serve for two years
 - b. The senior representative will serve for one year.



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- 8. Names and contact information of student representatives will be posted on the website and made known in each of the schools after selections have been made.
- 9. A student representative shall:
 - a. Be expected to attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings.
 - b. During said meetings, be able to speak on any issue on the agenda or motion before the Board unless deemed inappropriate by the Board.
 - c. Be able to recommend suggestions and topics to the Chairperson prior to a meeting for discussion and consideration at the Board level.
 - d. Receive copies of all regular meeting agendas, minutes and other pertinent publications, excluding executive session minutes and associated materials, when made available to the Board members.
 - e. Be expected to attend all the Board of Education meetings and be representative of the collective voice of the student body of the district.
- 10. A student representative shall not:
 - a. Be able to cast an official vote on any motion or resolution.
 - b. Be allowed to attend executive sessions, negotiation sessions or personnel portions of the regular or special meetings of the Board of Education.
- 11. Only those privileges and powers enumerated previously shall be regarded specifically as such; any and all other powers and privileges that might be deemed appropriate for the student representatives shall be decided upon by the Board of Education.

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