

**Legal Status of the Board****CORPORATE POWERS**

1. The school district is under the management and control of the Board of Education consisting of five (5) members.
2. The Board is a body politic and corporate with perpetual succession.
3. The Board shall be known as the "Board of Education of Franklin County, Kentucky."
4. The Board may sue and be sued; make contracts; expend funds necessary for liability insurance premiums and for the defense of any civil action brought against an individual Board member in an official or individual capacity, or both, on account of an act made in the scope and course of the performance of legal duties as a Board member; purchase, receive, hold, and sell property; issue its bonds to build and construct improvements; and do all things necessary to accomplish the purposes for which it is created.<sup>1</sup>

**STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

In order to ensure appropriate information and participation from students in the system, one (1) Student Board Representative shall be elected annually from each high school to sit as a non-voting member of the Board of Education. The Student Board Representative shall be entitled to attend and participate in Board meetings held in open session and may express opinions and advise the Board on all issues which come before it.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Student Board Representatives must be seniors in good standing in the District. Student Board Representatives will be elected from the junior class in each high school to serve during their senior year. They must have and maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher both before the time of their election and during their senior year. They may not have any unexcused absences during their junior year and must have maintained an exemplary discipline record during their academic career.

**ELECTION OF STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

The election of the student Board Representative will occur during the month of May of each school year prior to the last day of school. Nomination forms will be available from the Guidance Office and returned to the Guidance Office at a time determined by the Student Council in each school. The Student Council will coordinate and establish the procedures for the election of the representative by majority vote.

Students who wish to run for election must be nominated by three (3) teachers and three (3) students currently in their school (signatures required) and must submit a brief essay as to why they want to be the Student Board Representative.

The Guidance Counselors in each school will validate the eligibility of each nominee and submit them to the Principal for final approval prior to submission to the Student Council as Nominees.

Students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will be eligible to vote for the election of a Student Representative to the Board of Education.

**Legal Status of the Board****TERM**

Students will serve one (1) year terms beginning July 1 until June 30 of their Senior Year.

**UNEXPIRED TERMS**

If a Student Board Representative vacancy on the Board shall occur, it will be filled by the Superintendent. The member so chosen shall hold office until the term expires.

**STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE GUIDELINES**

- The Student Board Representative will be a non-voting advisor to the Franklin County Board of Education. Their involvement is solely for the purpose of providing input from a student viewpoint.
- The Student Board Representative will not be permitted to participate in Closed Sessions and must adhere to the same standards of confidentiality and responsibility as Board Members.
- The Student Board Representative will attend an orientation session organized and conducted by the Superintendent and staff prior to participation in any regular meeting of the Board of Education.
- The Student Board Representative must understand that Board activities hold priority over most other engagements that might conflict.
- Any Student Board Representative who misses more than two (2) consecutive meetings, unless excused by the Board for reasons satisfactory to it, shall be removed by the Board of Education.

**REMOVAL**

A Student Board Representative may be removed by majority vote of the Members of the Board for failure to perform the duties of the office or for irregular attendance or for misconduct.

**REFERENCES:**

- <sup>1</sup>KRS 160.160
- KRS 160.370



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**ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Candidates must be high school students in good standing. Nominations will be accepted at the Student Delegate Assembly.

**ELECTION**

During the first year of implementation student representatives on the Board of Education will be elected by majority vote through an annual Student Delegate Assembly convened during the first week in November. They will be installed at the first subsequent Board of Education meeting.

Every year thereafter, student representatives on the Board of Education will be elected by majority vote through an annual Student Delegate Assembly. They will be installed at the first subsequent Board of Education meeting.

**TERM**

Students will serve one (1) year terms beginning in November during the first year of implementation. Every year thereafter one (1) year terms will begin in October.

**UNEXPIRED TERMS**

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**IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE**

Any Student Board Representative failing to attend two (2) meetings, unless excused by the Board for reason satisfactory to it, shall be removed from the Board of Education.

**POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Students will be non-voting representatives on the Board of Education. They will attend meetings of the Board of Education but will not participate in Closed Sessions. Student Board Representatives will advocate the priorities of students in the Boone County Schools.

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