

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 Powell 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 his official or individual capacity, or both, on account of an act made in the scope and course of his 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.¹

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must be an incoming junior or senior in good standing. Candidates will submit an application and be placed on a ballot for an election by the student body. To be placed on the ballot, each student shall receive two (2) teacher signatures and two (2) student signatures who will be in the junior or senior class during the years they will serve. The student representative on the Board will be elected by majority vote through an annual election, of all high school students, held prior to the May Board meeting.

To be in good standing the student must maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher both before and during their term. The student must have an exemplary discipline record and no unexcused absences in the current year. They must be currently enrolled in Powell County High School. Any student with guardians presently employed by the Powell County School District or serving on the BOE will not be eligible to apply.

TERM

The student representative will serve a one-year term from June to May.

UNEXPIRED TERMS

If a Student Board Representative vacancy occurs before the term expires, the high school principal shall choose a replacement in accordance with the eligibility standards. The individual chosen shall hold office until the term expires.

REMOVAL/IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

A 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. 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, for irregular attendance, or for misconduct.

POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The student will be a non-voting representative on the Board, advocating the priorities of the students in the district, but not eligible to participate in closed sessions.

The selected Student Board Member is expected to:

- Attend and actively participate in all open session board meetings.
- Review any provided materials and come prepared to contribute to discussions.

- Promote the interests of Powell County students and education policy.
- Work in cooperation with Board members and other district officials.
- Comply with the Board's Policy Manual and applicable laws.
- Accept the majority decision of the Board.
- Advocate the priorities of the students in the District of all grades and ages.

In addition, the student should maintain the following:

- Regular attendance at Board meetings
- Academic standing in compliance with the GPA and behavior requirements.
- Professionalism, confidentiality, and respect for public suggestions and complaints.

Benefits of serving as a student board member

- Gaining insight into educational policy and decision-making.
- Developing leadership skills and knowledge of state laws and educational policies.
- Establishing mentoring relationships with Board members.
- Exploring career opportunities and potential leadership roles in education and law pathways.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

As required by law, the District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation or gender identity), genetic information, disability, age, or limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions in its programs and activities and provides equal access to its facilities to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Notice of the name, work address and telephone number of the Title IX Coordinator and the Section 504 Coordinator for the District shall be provided to employees, applicants for employment, students, parents/guardians, and other beneficiaries such as participants in activities offered to the public.

WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

The District is committed to ensuring accessibility of its website for students, employees, visitors, and members of the community with disabilities. All pages on the District's website shall conform to Level AA of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 developed by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI), or updated equivalents of these guidelines.

Under District developed administrative procedures, students, parents, and members of the public may present a complaint regarding a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 related to the accessibility of any official District web presence which is developed by, maintained by, or offered through the District or third party vendors and open sources.

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REFERENCES:

¹[KRS 160.160](#)
[KRS 160.370](#)
KRS Chapter 344
Americans with Disabilities Act
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
42 U.S.C. 200e, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII
20 U.S.C. 1681, Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX
Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008
20 U.S.C. § 7905 (Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act)
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines
Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia 140 S. Ct. 1731 (2020)
H.R. 1065 (EH) - Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

RELATED POLICIES:

03.113; 03.212; 03.162; 03.262
05.3; 09.13; 09.3211; 09.42811
10.5

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