

# BETHEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN  
DECISION-MAKING

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232. STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING	
1. Purpose	<p>The Board believes that students should participate in the governance of school activities at levels appropriate to their ages and competencies because students should have a part in determining activities that affect their lives, as an institution fundamental to the operation of a democratic society, the schools should strive to exemplify the democratic ideal of citizen participation in decision-making, as part of their educational development, students should be provided experiences and decision-making roles to prepare them for the future, and students are a valuable resource whose contributions can aid and benefit the programs of the schools.</p>
2. Authority	<p>The Board directs that students be invited to participate in activities appropriate to their maturity and competency, leading to administrative decision-making in the Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Student representation is encouraged as an important part of the Strategic Planning Process.</p> <p>Suggestions for improvement may be offered by any student, provided they are of a constructive nature and contribute toward the realization of the district's educational goals.</p>
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide for submission, consideration, and response to constructive student suggestions.</li> <li>2. Designate the manner by which students shall be selected for participation in school matters.</li> <li>3. Ensure that student participation is fairly representational of the whole student body.</li> <li>4. Ensure that the student voice and vote in decision-making is fairly balanced with those of faculty, administration and community members.</li> <li>5. Provide for recommended scheduling of times and subject matters for input to the Board by two (2) student representatives for consideration by the Board.</li> </ol>