

WILKINSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

TITLE: STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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	228. STUDENT GOVERNMENT
1. Purpose	<p>The Board acknowledges the importance of offering students the opportunity to participate in self government within the schools.</p> <p>The purpose of student government shall be to develop student leadership, provide a learning experience in democratic decision-making, and offer another avenue toward the realization of district goals.</p>
2. Authority SC 511	<p>The Board establishes that students shall have the right to organize, conduct meetings, elect officers and representatives, and petition the Board.</p> <p>The Board will recognize the Student Council as the official voice of the student body.</p> <p>The charter, constitution or bylaws of the organization for student government shall be approved by the Board.</p>
SC 511	<p>The Board shall appoint a qualified member of the faculty to serve as an advisor for student government activities.</p>
3. Guidelines	<p>Modes and procedures of student self government shall be established in classrooms and schools, as appropriate to the students' maturity and instructional level, for purposes of learning democratic procedures and ways of solving group problems. However, students shall not be assigned decisions, particularly those involving individual students, for which teachers, administrators, and the Board are held legally responsible. Such decisions include, among many, all forms of disciplinary action, with the exception of certain extracurricular activity privileges, determination of programs, and scholastic requirements.</p> <p>Organizations set up for student government shall be democratically elected, meetings shall be held at such times that all elected members are free from classes to attend, and the minutes of all meetings shall be posted for the entire student body.</p>

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>SC 511 Pol. 618</p> <p>School Code 511</p> <p>Board Policy 618</p>	<p>The administration and Student Council shall keep channels of communication open, not only between themselves, but between all students and the Council. The Superintendent shall set up channels through which representatives of the Student Council may communicate with the Board.</p> <p><u>Student Biracial Committee</u></p> <p>The Board supports the establishment at the secondary level of a Student Biracial Committee, whose function shall be to examine problems affecting intergroup relations and make recommendations to the school administration and Student Council.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall establish rules and regulations to implement this policy which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Assure that all students have equal access to the student government and an equal opportunity to vote and hold office.2. Require fiscal accountability and adherence to Board policy for all financial aspects of student government activity.3. Require that decisions made and actions taken by the student government organization, in accordance with and within the scope of its constitution, shall not be voided or vetoed by any staff member.
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