



Section 2: Bylaws/Trustees/Committees

Policy 2.10: Student Trustee Policy

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Other Resources:

Education Act
Education Statute Law Amendment Act (Student Performance)
OSTA Student Trustee Handbook
Provisions with Regard to Student Trustees (2009)
Ontario Regulation 7/07: Student Trustees

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1 Policy Statement

Student trustees represent the voice of students in decisions about education in Algoma and help keep students informed about important decisions that affect them. To promote student voice, three student trustees will be elected to represent the interests of all students.

2 Purpose

The purpose of electing student trustees to the Board is as follows:

- to provide for the representation of student interests and to bring a student perspective to the deliberations of the Board,
- to encourage and provide student leadership development and involvement in public service, and
- to support strategies being implemented in Ontario schools.



3 Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered for appointment as a student trustee on the Board, an individual must meet all of the following conditions:

- currently be in or entering the senior division in an Algoma District School Board school
- be a full-time student **or** an exceptional pupil in a special education program for whom the board has reduced the length of the instructional program on each school day under subsection 3 (3) of Regulation 298 of the Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1990 (Operation of Schools — General) made under the Act, so long as the pupil would be a full-time pupil if the program had not been reduced
- be a member of the Student Senate Association or the ADSB Northern Indigenous Youth Council (NIYC) and must apply to his/her respective Principal and be recommended by his/her Principal (see form - [Student Trustee Application](#))
- have strong academic standing, good leadership and communication skills
- meet all other conditions as outlined in this policy or elsewhere in Board policy, and
- be governed by policies and regulations that apply to all members of the Board upon appointment to the position.

4 Election and Term

- a) Three student trustees will be elected from ADSB secondary schools.
- b) Two student trustees shall be elected by the Student Senate and recommended to the Board for approval by resolution. One Indigenous student trustee shall be elected by the ADSB Northern Indigenous Youth Council and recommended to the Board for approval by resolution.
- c) Each appointment shall be for a one-year period from August 1st to July 31st. A student trustee may be re-elected and can serve a maximum of two years.
- d) Each student trustee shall, if possible, attend the last month of meetings of their predecessor as an observer to provide additional continuity and orientation.

5 Disqualification of Student Trustees

A student trustee will be disqualified from service if/when he or she:

- ceases to be a student in the Algoma District School Board
- is absent from three consecutive regular meetings of the Board without permission of the Board
- he or she is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution.

A student trustee may be disqualified from service if he or she:

- breaches confidentiality
- is suspended from school for a serious violation
- breaches the Board's Code of Conduct.



6 Attendance

It is expected that the student trustees will attend meetings of the Regular Board, Committee of the Whole and supplementary meetings on the same basis and with the same expectations and regulation as other trustees.

It shall be possible for the student trustees to attend such meetings "electronically" provided this attendance is within the requirements as laid out in the Board's "[Electronic Meetings Policy](#)".

7 Miscellaneous

7.1 Compensation

A student trustee is eligible for an honorarium as established by the Ministry's legislation. If a student has not served for a full year, the amount is pro-rated.

7.2 Expenses

A student trustee shall be reimbursed allowable expenses associated with their role as a representative to the Board in accordance with policies governing the reimbursement of Board members ([Policy 2.04](#)), subject to the approval of the Director of Education/Chair of the Board.

7.3 Conferences

Student trustees can attend up to two conferences per year (ie. Public Education Symposium, Northern Regional Conference or other conference, event or learning opportunity) approved by the Board. Preference will be given to conferences / events / learning opportunities with a focus on developing leadership and/or that support the Board's Strategic Priorities.

7.4 Requirements

A student trustee shall act in accordance with the By Laws and rules of order of the Board.

7.5 Academic Performance

The Principal shall monitor the student trustee's academic performance so as to ensure that the involvement on the Board does not jeopardize a student's school performance and shall monitor the student trustee's adherence to the Board Code of Conduct to ensure continued eligibility to remain within the role.

7.6 Report

The student trustee will be expected to address the Board with regard to the experience and be provided an opportunity to recommend how this experience might be enriched for future student trustees.