

## V. Students

### D. Student Representation

#### 1. Student Representative to the School Committee

##### **I. Purpose**

The opinions and concerns of the students of the Narragansett School System are important to the Narragansett School Committee. Therefore, this policy aims to establish the position of Student Representative to the Narragansett School Committee.

##### **II. Policy**

The Narragansett School Committee recognizes the value of having a Student Representative to the School Committee for input into decisions that affect all high school students. The purpose of this participation is to help the School Committee gain greater insight into student activities, programs, and needs at Narragansett High School; to encourage student involvement in school district governance activities; to provide for the active participation of students in their education; to foster inquiry whereby students may freely express their views and listen to and evaluate the opinions of others, and to demonstrate community service to the Town of Narragansett. The Student Representative is not a member of the School Committee but serves in a non-voting, advisory capacity, representing the interests of the students of Narragansett High School.

##### **III. Protocol**

The Student Representative shall represent Narragansett High School in accordance with the following qualifications, selection procedure, and responsibilities:

###### **a. Selection Process**

1. Any member of the junior class who is a student in good standing, is/was enrolled in the US Government/Civics class and meets the eligibility requirements for extracurricular activities as detailed in the Narragansett High School Student Handbook is eligible to serve as the Student Representative to the School Committee during their senior year.
2. Applications for the position of Student Representative to the School Committee will be available in the main office on March 1, with a deadline for submission of April 1.
3. Applications will be reviewed by the NHS School Improvement Team and the Principal with participation by a School Committee Liaison.
4. The finalists will engage in an interview with the Principal and a School Committee Liaison.
5. The Student Representative to the School Committee shall be appointed by the School Improvement Team and the Principal by the end of May.
6. Service in this role may be considered as a Senior Project opportunity.

###### **b. Removal**

1. The Student Representative serves at the discretion of the School Committee.
2. The School Committee may remove the Student Representative for failure to fulfill their duties, for failure to maintain academic standards, abide by the School Committee governing principles, or for behaviors that the Committee deems unacceptable as a member of the Committee.

### **c. Responsibilities**

The Student Representative shall:

1. Be known as the Student Representative to the School Committee and not as a member of the School Committee.
2. Serve not more than a single one-year term. In May, the Student Representative will be selected and appointed to serve one year beginning in September and continuing through the last meeting in June of their senior year.
3. Serve as a liaison to the NHS School Improvement Team.
4. The Student Representative will attempt to communicate with various student groups once a month during the school year to obtain input and keep students informed on all pertinent issues before the School Committee in ways approved by the Superintendent or designee.
5. Adhere to all rules and regulations about School Committee members, including the School Committee governing principles.
6. Receive the meeting agenda and the other public materials distributed to School Committee members in advance of every meeting, except for materials relating to individual students, individual employees, and other confidential matters exempt from disclosure by law.
7. Attend all regular, open meetings of the School Committee. Since regular School Committee meetings occur during the evening hours of a school night, the School Committee may grant permission for the Student Representative to leave a meeting before the conclusion once the student report has been given.
8. Participate in the discussion at regular, open meetings of the School Committee when applicable. However, the Student Representative may not make any motions or vote.
9. Provide reports to the School Committee that include student activities, topics, and concerns following the protocol outlined below.
10. Be eligible to propose future agenda items for consideration. (The introduction of motions and formal resolutions is restricted to members of the School Committee).
11. Neither attend nor participate in any Executive Sessions of the School Committee.
12. Meet and maintain all eligibility requirements for extracurricular activities as defined in the Narragansett High School Student Handbook.

#### **IV. Responsibilities of the Superintendent and School Committee**

The Superintendent and a member of the School Committee will establish a formal liaison between the student, the School Committee and Central Office. They will meet with the Student Representative at the beginning of the school year and mid-year to review expectations, responsibilities, and participation. They will also have an exit interview to assess the experience and plan for future activities.

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