

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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Goals

The Seaford Board of Education recognizes the value of student organizations as an integral part of the school's educational program. Student activities, led and coordinated by student government, should:

1. motivate students to learn;
2. extend the learning experiences beyond the classroom;
3. provide students with skills and experience in leadership, teamwork, and group processes;
4. encourage involvement in and allegiance for the school;
5. develop career, civic, and social competencies.

Guidelines

Student councils shall be delegated sufficient powers to carry out their constitutional purposes and to foster effective student activities. The following guidelines are offered by the school administration to assist in the organization of a student council:

1. A student council should be an elected organization representative of all students.
2. Elected representatives shall work with faculty, administration, school board, and student body in cooperatively identifying those areas of appropriate student responsibility in the life of the school.
3. The organization, operation, and scope of a student council should be specified in a written constitution which students have helped to formulate. The constitution will be reviewed at least once every three years and approved by the students and the school administration.
4. Each student council shall have a faculty sponsor or sponsors to serve in a capacity outlined in its constitution.
5. Student councils shall function in accordance with constitutional and bylaw provisions.
6. Student council organizations shall be responsive to the needs and interests of all students. To ensure maximum involvement, the agendas and minutes of meetings are to be available to all students. In addition, representatives are to be responsible for communicating the ideas, concerns, questions, or suggestions of any member of the student body.
7. Students shall have the right to organize and conduct clubs and associations under the guidelines and recommendations established through their student council.

Administrative Review

All decisions of a student council are subject to review and potential veto by applicable administrative groups of the Seaford School District. A student council may appeal the veto of the administration by submitting in writing a request for an "Administrative Appeal Board Hearing". The Administrative Appeal Board will be composed of the Superintendent, the school principal, the advisor to the student council, the president of the student council, and one delegate appointed by the student council. A simple majority decision will prevail in the settling of all appeals. In order to request an appeal of an administrative veto, three-fourths of the student council must vote to request an Administrative Appeal Board Hearing.

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