

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING

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Philosophy

The Seaford Board of Education believes that effective schools result when there are strong instructional leaders at the school level and when there is active involvement of the school community (staff, parents, community members, and, as appropriate, students) with everyone working collaboratively toward improved attainment of measurable school and district goals and objectives as well as the State's standards.

The Board believes that it is important to promote and encourage student involvement in decision making.

Parameters of Involvement in Decision Making

Decisions made shall be consistent with federal and state laws and regulations and with state and local board of education policies and regulations. Decisions made shall also be consistent with the mission, governing values, and philosophic beliefs of the Seaford School District. Furthermore, due consideration must be given to the potential negative impact of the decisions made at one school on another school or on the school district. Finally, those who agree to be involved in decision making are to be held accountable for the decisions they make.

Goals of Involvement in Decision Making

1. Improve the quality of decision making
2. Engage the various groups of the school district community so as to help it accomplish its mission and successfully implement its strategic plan by attaining its schools' goals and objectives
3. Improve the instructional program
4. Improve student learning and academic achievement
5. Improve student behavior
6. Improve student motivation

Student Representation on the Board of Education

As a way of implementing its philosophic belief that there should be student involvement in decision making, the Board affords students an opportunity to participate in the process of governance in the Seaford School District. More specifically, the Board, by virtue of this policy, provides for one high school student to serve as a representative to the Board of Education in accordance with procedures established in the regulation accompanying this policy.

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