

Policy Title	Student Senate		
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References			
Education Act, Section 55; The Road Ahead-II-A Report on the Role of School Boards and Trustees; Education Act, Section 229 (1); Bluewater District School Board Procedural By-Laws			

1.0 RATIONALE

- 1.1 Bluewater District School Board policies will support and provide the direction necessary to achieve the board’s Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan priorities.
- 1.2 Bluewater District School Board values students’ perspectives at board meetings.

2.0 POLICY

- 2.1 It is the policy of Bluewater District School Board that student senators will be elected in each school year through a school election to serve during the period August 1 – July 31, for a one year term. A student senator will be elected from each of the board’s secondary schools and a student senator will be elected from each of the First Nations served by Bluewater District School Board, namely Saugeen First Nation and the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation.
- 2.2 The student senators will elect up to three representatives (number to be determined by trustees following consultation with student trustees/senators on an annual basis) to act as student trustees. The elected student trustees will sit at the board table to represent the interests of the students
- 2.3 Student trustees will attend all regularly scheduled public Committee of the Whole Board Meetings, as well as all regularly scheduled public Regular Meetings of the Board.
- 2.4 Student senators are expected to attend Committee of the Whole Board Meetings to prepare the student senate report and fully participate in all relevant discussions. Student senators are invited to attend Regular Meetings of the Board, but are not required to do so.
- 2.5 Student senators will not attend Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meetings. The Student Senate voice will be presented through the student trustees at Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meetings.
- 2.6 The role of the student trustee is to represent the perspective of the board’s students and to become involved in the decision making process as extensively as legislation permits. This will include a non-binding vote to include the student voice on recommendations and/or motions, as per AP 1802-D ‘Student Senate’.