

Brockton Public Schools School Committee Policy

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING

As appropriate to the age of students, class, or school organizations and school government organizations, such as student councils may be formed to offer practice in self-government and to serve as channels for the expression of student's ideas and opinions.

The Committee will take into consideration student opinions in establishing policies that directly affect student programs, activities, privileges and other areas of student sensitivity.

Students will be welcomed at Committee meetings and granted privileges of speaking in line with the privileges extended to the general public.

A primary task of the school is to create a stimulating learning climate that develops the active involvement of students in their education.

Recognizing this, it is the policy of the Brockton Public Schools to encourage student participation in:

- The planning of classroom activities and assembly programs;
- Student government organizations that provide students with a voice in school affairs; and
- A variety of extracurricular activities to broaden their educational experiences.

Student Government:

The Student Senate at Brockton High School and the Student Councils at the junior high school level are organizations to stimulate and develop school spirit, to encourage and maintain participation in school activities, to foster cooperation between faculty and students and to recommend ways in which the school can be improved. Their role in these endeavors and other proper school matters is heartily endorsed by the Brockton School Committee.

Student Advisory Committee:

As required by state law, the Committee will meet at least once every other month while school is in session with its student advisory committee, which is composed of five students elected by the high school student body. The Chairperson of the student advisory committee shall be an ex-officio nonvoting member of the School Committee without the right to attend executive sessions unless the School Committee expressly grants such right.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:38M

CROSS REF.: BDF, Advisory Committee to the School Committee