

## Orange Windsor Supervisory Union

### Royalton School Board

#### School Board Student Representatives

##### **Policy Statement:**

The Royalton Board of School Directors recognizes and values student input in the decision-making process. To support and encourage a student voice in matters brought before the board, the board invites student representatives to serve as advisory members of the board. This policy defines the roles, responsibilities, and selection procedures for student representatives.

##### **Role and Responsibility of the Student Board Representative:**

Royalton Board Student Representatives will serve on the Royalton board in an advisory capacity. Their function is to provide student input in the decision-making process at the board level. When appropriate, student representatives will participate in board discussion and will exercise a non-binding (advisory) vote on matters brought before the board. They will not participate in matters brought before the board which require executive sessions nor raise concerns related to confidentiality of student or school personnel. Student representatives may be asked to serve on Royalton board committees when appropriate.

##### **Grade Level of the Student Representatives, Length of Term:**

Two student representatives will serve on the board. One each will be selected from the current junior and senior classes of the South Royalton High School.

Student representatives will serve a two-year term. A student selected to serve as a board representative will normally begin his/her term during the junior year and end his/her term upon graduation.

##### **Selection of Student Representatives**

The student representative to the Royalton Board of School Directors shall be selected by an annual election in which all students of the South Royalton High School (grades 9 through 12) are permitted to vote. Interested candidates must be in their sophomore year, with the exception of those running to fill a vacancy, and must file a petition with Principal or his/her designee with signatures of at least ten percent of the current student enrollment. The election shall be conducted under procedures established by the Principal. The elected students may begin service on the board during July in the year of their election or as soon thereafter as possible, but no later than the following September.

##### **Vacancies**

Should the position of student representative to the board become vacant during the first semester of any school year, the principal shall call a special election, in the same manner prescribed above, to fill the vacancy until the end of the then current school year. Should the position of student representative to the board become vacant during the second semester of any school year, the Student Council shall appoint a replacement who will serve until the end of the then current school year. If the representative who has left office has yet another school year to serve after the current school year ends, a replacement shall be chosen from the junior class at the annual election to fill the unexpired term.

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