

POLICY

It is the policy of the Upper Grand District School Board to have two Student Trustee representatives.

Administrative Detail

1. It is the responsibility of the Director of Education in conjunction with the Chair of the Board and the appropriate Superintendent of Education to administer and implement this policy.
2. It is the responsibility of Principals to implement this policy as it pertains to their schools.
3. This policy operates in conjunction with Policy #103 Trustee Code of Ethics, Policy #701 Reimbursement of Expenses, the Education Act and Ontario Regulation 07/07 Student Trustees.
4. As a transition measure, the Board's Student Trustees for the 2006-2007 school year will enjoy all the rights and privileges of the Student Trustees provided for in this policy.

A. GENERAL

1. A Student Trustee is not a Board member and is not entitled to exercise a binding vote on any matter before the Board or any of its committees.
2. A Student Trustee shall have two mentors - one appointed by the school and the other the Chair of the Board or designated member of the Board.

B. QUALIFICATIONS

1. A Student Trustee must be enrolled full-time in the senior division of one of the secondary schools within the Board's jurisdiction.
2. A Student Trustee is not permitted to be elected or act as a Student Trustee if he/she is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution.
3. A Student Trustee shall maintain excellent attendance at Board, Standing Committee and System Committee meetings, and conduct him/herself with proper demeanour at all times in accordance with Board procedures and policy (Policy #103 Trustee Code of Ethics).
4. A person who ceases to be qualified to serve as a Student Trustee shall resign from the position.

C. TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office of a Student Trustee shall be from August 1st of the year in which he/she is elected and ends July 31st of the following year.

D. ELECTION PROCESS

1. For the purposes of selecting Student Trustees, the Board's secondary schools will be divided into two groups: Urban and Rural.
(See Appendix A)
2. One student will be appointed annually to represent the students of each of the two groups of schools.
3. The Board will establish an Upper Grand Regional Student Senate, the members of which will be one senior division student representative

selected by each of its secondary schools. Alternates may be chosen at the discretion of the individual school.

4. In May or June of each year, each secondary school will select a representative of its student government (Student Council, Student Senate, etc.) to represent the students of his or her school on the Upper Grand Regional Student Senate for the upcoming school year.
5. The selection process for members of the Upper Grand Regional Student Senate will be determined by each school's Principal in conjunction with the school's student government representatives.
6. The Upper Grand Student Regional Senate annually will elect two of its members, one from an urban school and one from a rural school, to serve as Student Trustees.
7. The election of Student Trustees will be held not later than April 30 of one school year for Student Trustees to serve in the following school year.
8. All members of the Upper Grand Regional Student Senate are eligible to run for the position of Student Trustee providing they meet the qualifications set out in this policy.
9. All members of the Upper Grand Student Regional Senate will be eligible to vote in the election of Student Trustees.
10. The Student Trustees elected will serve as the co-chairs of the Upper Grand Regional Student Senate.

E. VACANCIES

1. If a vacancy occurs during the term of office of the Student Trustee the Board will determine if the vacancy will be filled.
2. If the vacancy is to be filled, the Upper Grand student Senate will hold a by-election under the same terms and conditions as the annual election process.

F. REPORTING OF STUDENT TRUSTEE NAMES

The Board will report the names of the Student Trustees to the Ministry of Education within thirty (30) days of their election by the Upper Grand Student Senate and not later than April 30 in any given year.

G. PARTICIPATION OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

A Student Trustee:

- a) is invited to provide student input on issues before the Board;
- b) is eligible to attend all public sessions of the Board and Standing Committees, and will have the same opportunity for participation as a Board member;
- c) is eligible to attend all closed (In-Camera) sessions of the Board except where the subject matter under consideration at the meeting or part of the meeting involves the disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the Board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the Board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian;
- d) shall have access to all resources provided to Board members (e.g., professional development opportunities, conferences, etc.) with the exception of information related to the above (item c);
- e) shall have his or her out-of-pocket expenses reimbursed in accordance with Board policy (Policy #701 Reimbursement of Expenses);
- f) shall be entitled to serve on Board committees, except as noted below (item g);
- g) where legislation requires that a committee must include one or more members of the Board (e.g., SALEP), a Student Trustee cannot count as one of these as he/she is not a member of the Board, and
- h) where committee membership is provided for by Board by-laws, policy or procedures, a Student Trustee may serve as a de facto

Trustee member of the committee, providing he/she is not the only Board representative serving on the committee.

H. VOTING

1. Although Student Trustees are not Board members and are not entitled to a binding vote, they are entitled to have their vote on any matter recorded in the Board minutes if they request it.
2. A Student Trustee may request that a matter before a Board or any of its committees be put to a vote, in which case there must be two votes:
 - a) a non-binding vote that includes the Student Trustee's vote, and
 - b) a recorded binding vote that does not include the Student Trustee's vote.
3. A Student Trustee is not entitled to move a motion, but may suggest a motion on any matter at a meeting of the Board or a committee on which he/she sits. If no member of the Board or committee moves the suggested motion, the record shall show the motion.

I. HONORARIA

1. A Student Trustee will not receive the same honorarium as a Board member as determined Board Policy #105 Trustee Honoraria.
2. A Student Trustee will receive an honorarium of \$2,500.00 for a one year term of office. This honorarium will be pro-rated if a Student Trustee does not serve for the full term of office.

RURAL AND URBAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS DETERMINATION

For the purposes of Policy #106 Student Trustees, the Upper Grand District School Board's secondary schools will be divided into the following two groups:

1. **Rural**
Erin District High School
Centre Dufferin District High School
Norwell District Secondary school
Wellington Heights Secondary School
Centre Wellington District High School

2. **Urban**
Orangeville District Secondary School
Westside Secondary School
Guelph Collegiate and Vocational Institute
Centennial Collegiate and Vocational Institute
College Heights Secondary School
John F. Ross Collegiate and Vocational Institute