PURPOSE

The opinions and concerns of the students of Knox County Schools are important to the School Board. To increase Board awareness of the views of students, the Board shall have a student representative. The student representative will serve in a non-voting capacity, representing the interests of the students of Knox County Schools.

REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Student representative shall:

- Be a resident of Knox County and a student in Knox County Public Schools.
- Be enrolled as a senior at the start of the school year that the student is to serve.
- Participate in Board discussions, but will not have the right to make motions, vote, hold Board offices, or attend Executive Sessions.
- Be known as the student representative to the School Board and not a member of the Board.
- Serve not more than a single one-year term. The student representative will begin service on July 1 of the year of his or her election.
- Receive materials distributed to School Board members, with the exception of materials relating to individual students, individual employees, and other confidential matters exempt from disclosure by law.
- Receive services and support from the School Board office, with the prior approval of the School Board chairman.
- Be reimbursed for all expenses incurred while on School Board business, with the prior approval of the School Board chairman.
- Sit with Board members at the Board table.
- Be eligible to propose resolutions for consideration. (The introduction of motions and formal resolutions is restricted to School Board members only.)
SELECTION PROCESS

The student representative to the School Board shall be elected by May 1 of each year and will assume office on July 1.

The election shall be by a committee composed of at least five (5) of the following:

- School Board member
- Director of High Schools
- Student Government Representative
- Youth Action Council Representative
- High School Administrator
- Community Representative
- Parent Representative
- Outgoing Student Representative

The election committee members will be appointed by the Chair of the Board of Education on an annual basis by February.

NOTE: The May 1 election date reference in the “Selection Process” section of this policy was suspended for the 2019-2020 school year in response to the current state of emergency caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The election was deferred to June 2020 and the representative would assume office on July 1.