

The School Board recognizes the importance of student involvement and representation regarding various aspects of the educational process, especially at the high school level as students are preparing for higher education, work and life.

Accordingly, each high school will establish and maintain an active Student Government Association (also referred to as a School Advisory Board) whose purposes are to:

- A. Enable students to participate meaningfully in the operation of their school;
- B. Teach students the principles of representative democracy in order to make them more effective citizens and participants in our local, state and national governments;
- C. Encourage leadership qualities;
- D. Foster a strong community spirit within the school;
- E. Establish close cooperation among the students, faculty and staff of their respective high schools;
- F. Enhance the organization and efficacy of other student-led activities;
- G. Make official recommendations to the administration and other policymaking bodies;
- H. Explore ways for the school to contribute to local, state and national communities; and,
- I. Promote the general welfare of the school and greater community.

High school Student Government Associations will promote positive school spirit and be charged with the responsibility of organizing school-wide activities.

Additionally, each high school will establish and maintain an active Student Council whose purposes are to:

- A. Establish goals annually;
- B. Provide a forum in which matters of importance to students and the school community may be addressed; and,
- C. Authorize and coordinate fundraising activities in an equitable and prudent manner by issuing reasonable rules, which may be amended from time to time.

Guidelines for these Student Government Associations, Student Councils, and Class Officers will be incorporated into the Principals' Handbook.

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Cherokee County Board of Education