

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING

Two essential factors in creating a stimulating learning climate for students are the active involvement of students in their education, including educational planning, and the fostering of a spirit of inquiry and participation whereby students may freely express their views, listen to the views of others, and take part in decision making processes.

Therefore, the School Committee believes that students, consistent with their level of maturity, should be given a role in the development of procedures, rules, and regulations which affect them. Such participation is endorsed for classroom, school and system-wide levels.

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

All Harvard Public School students will be welcomed at Committee meetings and granted privileges of speaking in line with the privileges extended to the general public.

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 chair of the student advisory committee shall be an ex-officio non voting member of the School Committee without the right to attend executive sessions unless such right is expressly granted by the School Committee. Additional consideration should be given to adding middle school representatives to the student advisory committee.

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