

## **ORGANIZATION, PHILOSOPHY, AND GOALS**

### **Advisory Committees and School Community Groups**

#### **Student Advisory Council to the Superintendent**

This regulation supersedes Regulation 1703.1.

#### **I. PURPOSE**

To establish the role, membership, and responsibilities for the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SAC).

#### **II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION**

This regulation has been rewritten in its entirety.

#### **III. ROLE OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The role of the Student Advisory Council (SAC) is to provide an opportunity for student participation in the decision-making process in the school division and to aid in the communication among students, the school administration, and the community.

#### **IV. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

- A. The purpose of the SAC will be to advise the Superintendent and the School Board, to advocate for the rights and interests of students in Fairfax County Public Schools, to enhance communication throughout the school system community, and to elect the student representative to the Fairfax County School Board.
- B. The student body of each high and secondary school in Fairfax County Public Schools will select, prior to June 15, of each year, an SAC delegation of four delegates. Together, these delegations will constitute the Student Advisory Council (SAC).
- C. During the month of February, in accordance with Policy 1802.8, the Student Advisory Council will hold an election convention to elect the student representative to the Fairfax County School Board for the next school year. The student representative will take office on July 1 following his or her election.

- D. The student representative to the Fairfax County School Board and the student representative-elect will be ex-officio members of the SAC. The student representative will help to mentor the student representative-elect. They will keep the SAC informed of issues before the School Board and will actively solicit opinions of the SAC members on these issues.
- E. The Student Advisory Council will hold meetings monthly during the school year.

## **V. SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Each high school and secondary school will select a school staff member to serve as the school sponsor for members of the school's student delegation to the Student Advisory Council.
- B. Each high school and secondary school shall develop procedures for the selection of SAC delegates on or before June 15 of each school year.
- C. All students who will be in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 during the following school year are eligible to be elected to serve on the SAC.
- D. SAC delegates shall be selected as a result of procedures developed by each school for this purpose and may not be representatives by virtue of election to other offices.
- E. Each high school and secondary school shall select an alternate delegate to serve on the SAC in case one of the delegates is unable to fulfill his or her responsibilities.
- F. SAC delegates shall be selected for one-year terms. Delegates may be reselected for succeeding years.
- G. The SAC delegates from each school shall elect a chairperson to represent their school delegation and communicate information to the SAC school sponsor and other delegates and their school community.
- H. Each school shall secure the written permission of the parents or guardians of the SAC delegates for them to travel to meetings held outside the school.

See also the current versions of: Policy 1802, Student Representative to the School Board