

**STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING
and STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Mansfield Public Schools and the School Committee value the input of the students of the district and will make every effort to seek it when it is relevant to deliberations, policy making, or procedures.

As appropriate to their age, student may form class, school organizations, and school government organizations such as student councils to offer practice in self-government and to serve as channels for the expression of student ideas and opinions.

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

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, a Student Advisory Committee (comprised of five students elected by the high school student body) will meet with the School Committee at least once every other month while school is in session.

The members of the Student Advisory Committee will, by majority vote prior to June 1 each year, elect from their number a chairperson who will serve for a term of one year.

The Chairperson or designee of the Student Advisory Committee will be an *ex-officio* nonvoting member of the School Committee without the right to attend executive sessions, unless the School Committee votes to allow attendance at a particular session. The Chairperson of the Student Advisory Committee will be subject to all School Committee rules and regulations and will serve without compensation.

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CROSS REF.: BDF, Advisory Committees to the School Committee