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Purpose

The Board of School Directors (“Board”) of Springfield School District (“District”) acknowledges the importance of offering students the opportunity to participate in the governmental process within the establishment of the schools.

Students shall have the right to organize, conduct meetings, elect officers and representatives and petition the Board.

The goals of the Student Council are to serve as a liaison between the students and the administration, to provide a forum for student expression to improve student citizenship, to aid school activities, and to promote the democratic process.

Members of the Student Council are elected by their respective classes; actions of the council, however, are for the benefit of the entire school. As with any representative government, roles played by Student Council representatives shall reflect the views and wishes of their constituents, shall be within guidelines set forth by the District administration, and shall not violate any federal, state, and local government laws or school policies. It is suggested that whenever students are dealing in controversial matters that they seek guidance from their faculty advisor.

The administration shall appoint a qualified member of the faculty to serve as advisor to student government activities. The faculty advisor shall provide guidance to Student Council members consistent with any guidelines set forth by the District administration, federal, state, and local government laws, and school policy.[\[1\]](#)

Student Council shall have a constitution and by-laws consistent with school policy and that abides by federal, state, and local laws. When there are conflicts within Student Council by laws and constitution, council members shall seek guidance from their faculty advisor.

The administration, at the discretion of the Superintendent, shall develop any guidelines that may be needed to further define the objectives of this policy.

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