

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

We believe that the student governments in the county secondary schools should provide students with the opportunity to gain first hand experiences in democratic governance. However, to realize this goal, student governments must be representative of the whole student body. The students functioning in student government should be elected by their peers and the qualifications for running for office should not be so stringent that only a small minority of the students are eligible for office. Each school's faculty and student representatives should establish qualification guidelines, one of which should concern moral character.

The faculties of the secondary schools are encouraged to invite the governing council of the student governments to attend their meetings when matters that directly affect the students are being considered. Likewise, the Board of Education extends an invitation to members of the governing councils to attend all open meetings of the Board of Education and solicits their suggestions and opinions as to needed policies, regulations and rules which affect the governance of the student body.

To ensure relevancy, the student government sponsor and the principal shall guide the student government in the establishment of its purposes, goals and objectives. They shall also help the students identify areas in which energies can be most wisely spent and with the types of decisions which they have the authority to make.