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Purpose

The **Joint** Operating Committee believes that students should participate in the governance of school activities at levels appropriate to their ages and competencies **because as an institution fundamental to the operation of a democratic society, the school should strive to exemplify the democratic ideal of citizen participation in decision-making, and students are a valuable resource whose contributions can aid and benefit the programs of the school.**

Authority

The Joint Operating Committee directs that students be invited to participate in activities appropriate to their **maturity** and competency, leading to administrative decision-making.

Suggestions for improvement of the school may be offered by any student, provided they are of a constructive nature and contribute toward the realization of the school's educational goals.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Director **or designee** shall develop **rules** to implement this policy which:

1. Provide for submission, consideration, and response to constructive student suggestions.
2. Designate the manner by which students shall be selected for participation in school matters.
3. Ensure that student participation is fairly representational of the whole student body.
4. **Ensure that the student voice and vote in decision-making is fairly balanced with those of faculty, administration and community members.**