



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Start Thinking About Running in the Spring of 2023
New Haven Public School *Student Representative*
on the Board of Education

One current 10th grader will be elected and serve a two-year term from July 2023-June 2025.

What does the Board of Education (BOE) do?

The Board of Education sets the vision for the school district and the decisions they make at their meetings make a difference for your school. The Board of Education has a wide variety of responsibilities, such as adopting a balanced annual budget, adopting the school calendar, negotiating contracts with employee unions, approving curriculum materials and making decisions about specific school issues.

What am I supposed to do as a representative?

Serving as a student representative is a big role. You and one other student will be representing 20,000 New Haven Public School students. You should speak up about issues that you care about, which impact your school and your fellow students. Make efforts to talk with other New Haven Public School students in grades K-12 — not just your friends — to understand the broad perspective of the New Haven Public Schools student body. Also, you should share with students what you have learned in your role as a BOE member. Finally, ask for the information that you need to make good decisions and understand the complex issues that impact schools.

Why should I do this? What are some big issues that the BOE has recently discussed?

One of the goals of New Haven Public Schools (NHPS) is to prepare our students to be the next generation of leaders, innovators and problem-solvers. The Board of Education strives to build a school district which students, parents, and educators are all invested in. Serving on the Board of Education is an incredible opportunity to use your voice as a student to impact public education. Some of the big issues the BOE has recently discussed are early literacy, school resources, teacher attendance, and more.

How much time will this take? How long a commitment?

As a rising junior, you will be taking on a 2-year commitment to attend meetings every two weeks of the full Board of Education and participate in a committee of the board. There are papers and financial reports to read. There will be trainings and workshops to attend. Also, you will need to take time to talk with students throughout New Haven in order to learn about their interests and ideas, and to share what you learn at the board meetings.

Candidate Eligibility

Candidates must be:

- 1) **a resident of New Haven,**
- 2) **a current 10th grade student AND**
- 3) **enrolled in New Haven Public Schools.**

The election will be held in the Spring 2023.
More information will follow