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Student Advisor Appointment Opportunity

The Oregon State Board of Education welcomes future high school seniors to [apply](#) for a one-year appointment as a student advisor to the Board. This appointment begins August 2021 and ends July 2022. To qualify, students must be a current high school junior (senior during the 2021-22 school year) in good academic standing.

As a State Board Advisor, students are expected to attend board meetings¹ beginning in August 2021 and assist the Board in analyzing the policies, proposals and requests before it.

Applications will be reviewed as submitted, and the application portal will remain open until the position(s) are filled. If you have any questions about this appointment or the application, please contact State Board Administrator Corey Rosenberg at corey.rosenberg@ode.state.or.us.

About the State Board of Education

The Oregon Legislature created the State Board of Education in 1951 to oversee the state's schools. The Board sets education policies and standards for Oregon's 197 public school districts, and 20 educational service districts. In setting policy, the Board must consider the goals of modern education, the requirements of a sound, comprehensive curriculum best suited to the needs of the students and the public and any other factors consistent with the maintenance of a modern and efficient elementary and secondary school system.

The mission of the Board is to provide leadership and vision for Oregon's public schools and districts by enacting equitable policies and promoting educational practices that lead directly to the educational and life success of every student.

The Board is comprised of seven members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. Five members represent Oregon's five congressional districts, and two members represent the state at large. One of the at-large members must be a licensed teacher. Members serve four-year terms and are limited to two consecutive terms. Board members elect their chair each year. The State Board meets at least six times per year in open, public meetings. The State Treasurer and Secretary of State serve as ex-officio members. In addition to the Student

¹ Advisors are eligible for reimbursement of actual expenses incurred in attending board meetings and board-related activities, including mileage, meals, and hotels.

Advisor, the Board appoints a Superintendent Advisor, a School Board Advisor, and a Teacher Advisor.

Criteria for Advisor Selection

- Interest in serving as an advisor for one year
- Commitment to attend board meetings and any special board functions
- Willingness to participate in policy discussions
- Ability to deliberate policy issues
- Demonstrated leadership qualities

Short Essays:

1. Keeping in mind the areas of authority of the State Board of Education, identify and discuss what you consider to be one of the biggest challenges affecting kindergarten through twelfth grade public education. Indicate the steps you feel are necessary to address or alleviate the challenge through policy or practice. (250 words)
2. Why do you want to serve as a student advisor on the State Board of Education? (150 words)
3. In what ways have your previous experiences (for example: work, volunteering, school activities) prepared you for this advisory position? Include your experiences with both peers and adults. (250 words)
4. Please provide any additional information you would like those involved in the selection process to know about you. (150 words)