## 232. STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING

### 1. 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:

1. Students should have a part in determining activities that affect their lives.
2. A part of their educational development, students should be provided experiences and decision-making roles to prepare them for the future.
3. Students are a valuable resource whose contributions can aid and benefit the programs of the school.

### 2. 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.

### 3. Delegation of Responsibility

The Administrative Director or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy which:

1. Provide for submission, consideration, and response to constructive student suggestions.
2. Ensure that student participation is fairly representational of the whole student body.
3. Ensure that the student voice and vote in decision-making is fairly balanced with those of faculty, administration and community members.